

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Anthropology is the study of what it means to be human in the broadest sense, through an examination of culture and society (sociocultural and linguistic anthropology), the biology and evolution of humans and our closest relatives (biological anthropology) and the study of past human communities and material culture (archaeology). Students develop an appreciation of the value of physical and cultural differences at the local, national and global levels, and learn critical thinking skills that support them in careers that involve working with individuals of diverse national or ethnic backgrounds.

The aim of the anthropology major is to provide a background in behavioral studies for students who desire a broad education in either the biological or the social sciences. Anthropology majors can obtain research experience in science and the humanities through ethnographic or biological research, or archaeology field schools. Most undergraduates in Anthropology at TAMU select this major because of the opportunity it affords them to acquire a sound liberal education.

The curriculum is ideal for students who want to pursue professional careers or graduate study in anthropology and archaeology. However, students will also find the curriculum fully suitable to prepare them for employment opportunities or careers in: secondary or higher education; medicine; law; museum and foundation settings; the local, state and federal government (such as the National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Institute of Health and others); non-governmental organizations and non-profit organizations; foreign service with government agencies (such as the Agency for International Development, United Nations organizations and others); private archaeological research institutions; and nontraditional opportunities emerging in business and management.

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Anthropology
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Majors

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- Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, Archaeology Track (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/anthropology/ba-archaeology-track/>)
- Bachelor of Science in Anthropology (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/anthropology/bs/>)

Minors

- Anthropology Minor (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/anthropology/minor/>)
- Museum Studies Minor (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/anthropology/museum-studies-minor/>)