# ANTHROPOLOGY/ARCHAEOLOGY

## What can I do with this major?

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<td><strong>EDUCATION</strong></td>
<td>Universities/colleges/community colleges</td>
<td>Earn a Ph.D. in Anthropology for university and college faculty positions or an M.A./M.S. for community college positions.</td>
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<td>Teaching</td>
<td>University research institutes or laboratories</td>
<td>Earn a graduate degree in College Student Affairs, Library/Information Science or related field for work in student affairs, administration, or libraries.</td>
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<td>Research</td>
<td>Campus museums</td>
<td>Gain research experience by assisting professors or participating in independent studies.</td>
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<td>Administration</td>
<td>Zoos</td>
<td>Maintain a high g.p.a and develop strong personal recommendations.</td>
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<td>Student Affairs</td>
<td>Nature centers</td>
<td>Develop excellent communication and presentation skills.</td>
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<td>Library/Information Science</td>
<td>Non-classroom Education</td>
<td>Get involved in campus leadership positions such as Resident Assistant, Peer Advisor, or Admissions Tour Guide.</td>
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<td>Management/Administration</td>
<td>Natural history or history museums:</td>
<td>Plan to earn a graduate degree in anthropology, museum studies, library science (with an emphasis on archives) or other related discipline depending upon specific interests.</td>
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<td>Curatorship</td>
<td>Universities</td>
<td>Gain relevant experience through internships or volunteering positions in museums.</td>
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<td>Conservation</td>
<td>State, federal or local</td>
<td>Develop a strong attention to detail.</td>
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<td>Restoration</td>
<td>Private</td>
<td>Be prepared to relocate to access the most employment opportunities.</td>
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<td>Cultural Resource Management</td>
<td>Consulting firms</td>
<td>Field positions require a B.S./B.A. and previous field experience. Get involved with faculty research or other research programs.</td>
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<td>Research</td>
<td>Environmental/engineering companies</td>
<td>Obtain a graduate degree to direct field crews.</td>
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<td>Excavation</td>
<td>Firms specializing in archaeological investigation</td>
<td>May need a willingness to travel and endure adverse living/working conditions during field studies or excavations. Working conditions and hours vary with the type of work/research performed.</td>
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<td>Field Work</td>
<td>Federal, state and local government</td>
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<td>Historic preservation societies</td>
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### Areas

#### Government
- Administration
- Cultural Resource Management
- Surveying
- Site Management
- Excavation
- Research
- Museum Conservation
- Legislative Compliance Review
- Program Management and Evaluation
- Impact Assessment:
  - Social
  - Environmental
- Policy Analysis
- Urban Planning
- Translation/Interpretation

#### Nonprofit
- Administration
- Program Management and Development
- Policy Analysis
- Fund Raising/Development
- Research
- Grant Writing
- Counseling

#### Business
- Management
- Sales/Marketing
- Human Resources
- Public Relations
- Consulting

### Employers

#### Federal agencies including:
- Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Central Intelligence Agency
- Departments of: Conservation, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, and Natural Resources,
- Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Institutes of Health, National Park Service,
- Public Health Service, Smithsonian Institute,
- State agencies including:
  - Historic Preservation Offices
  - Parks Departments
  - Highway Departments

### Strategies

#### Government
- Learn federal or state application procedures.
- Graduate degree generally required for higher level positions.
- Gain related experience through internships in areas of interest.
- Develop statistical, analytical and computer skills and learn various research methodologies.
- Get involved in campus organizations to develop leadership abilities and interpersonal skills.
- Consider earning a minor or double major to qualify for particular areas of interest, e.g. learn a foreign language for translating/interpreting positions.

#### Nonprofit
- Seek volunteer and internship positions to gain experience.
- Hone skills in public speaking, writing, and programming.
- Obtain a degree in counseling for therapy positions.
- Learn to work well with people from varying backgrounds.

#### Business
- Many businesses hire students of "any major" if they have relevant experience and have developed the skills employers seek.
- Minor in business or another relevant field.
- Obtain related experience through internships, summer and part-time jobs.
- Develop strong analytical and computer skills.
- Learn to work well on a team.
- Get involved in campus organizations and seek leadership roles.
**GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Most professional anthropological jobs require a graduate degree.
- Those interested in anthropology may specialize in one of its four branches: archaeology, cultural anthropology, linguistics, or physical anthropology. Many subfields exist within the larger specialties such as forensic anthropology, a subfield of physical anthropology. Typically students take a general curriculum as an undergraduate and specialize through graduate studies.
- As the demand for university/college faculty positions decreases, most openings will exist in consulting firms and government agencies.
- To increase your employment opportunities with a bachelors degree, consider minoring or double majoring in another field such as sociology, business, urban planning, or public administration.
- Anthropology provides a solid background for a variety of graduate programs including law, medicine, forensics, or genetic counseling. Research admissions requirements and take prerequisite courses.
- Anthropology is good preparation for jobs that involve people skills and require an understanding of cultural differences.
- Spend a summer in field school or travel and study other cultures.
- Volunteer to help with a professor's research.
- Gaining relevant work experience through internships, practicums, part-time jobs, or volunteer positions is critical.

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**AREAS**

**COMMUNICATIONS**
- Documentary Film Production
- Photography/Photojournalism
- Journalism
- Writing/Editing
- Publishing

**EMPLOYERS**
- Colleges and universities
- Government agencies
- Government or private museums
- Local historical societies or sites
- Television and motion picture industry
- Internet media companies
- Independent production companies
- Publishing houses
- Newspapers and magazines
- Freelance/self-employed

**STRATEGIES**

- Minor or double major in a communications field.
- Develop excellent communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Submit articles or books for publication.
- Work for campus or student run publications.
- Demonstrate talent, persistence, assertiveness, competitive spirit, and enthusiasm.
- Compile a portfolio of writing, graphics and ideas.
- Develop strong computer skills.
- Obtain internship, summer or part-time experience with book, magazine, or newspaper publishers.
- Develop an attention to detail and ability to meet deadlines.

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