

## What Can I Do With a Major In...

### Major: Anthropology

#### *What is Anthropology?*

Anthropology is the study of human diversity around the world. Anthropologists look at cross-cultural differences in social institutions, cultural beliefs, and communication styles. They often seek to promote understanding between groups by "translating" each culture to the other, for instance by spelling out common, taken-for-granted assumptions. An anthropology class can be useful for students in a variety of majors, such as education, business, medicine, and law. Knowledge about human diversity is helpful in many careers. It is often an advantage to have developed an approach for learning about and interacting with people who are different. Because the study of human diversity is such a broad topic, anthropology is made up of four subfields:

- Sociocultural anthropology – the study of present-day cultures around the world
- Linguistic anthropology – the study of communication practices in present-day cultures around the world
- Archeology – learning about earlier cultures by examining the artifacts that they left behind
- Physical anthropology – learning about humans' biological aspects by examining their skeletal and other physical remains; it includes research on human evolution as well as forensic studies

#### *Anthropology at UNT: An Applied Department in an Applied Social Science School*

Our department emphasizes the practical use of anthropology to solve problems and improve people's lives. All faculty members are applied anthropologists. Furthermore, the department is located within UNT's College of Public Affairs and Community Service. This school houses applied social sciences at UNT, such as gerontology, public administration, and social work. However, our identity as a department is broader than just applied anthropology. UNT's undergraduate major in anthropology exposes students to the full range and breadth of what this field can be. The faculty also actively engages in traditional academic activities such as publication. Our faculty members cover a broad range of interests, from diversity to culture change. In terms of geographic region, faculty members focus on Africa, Oceania, North America, Latin America, the Middle East, and Europe. In addition, we are especially well represented in these areas: Business, Technology, and Design Anthropology; Migration and Border Studies; Medical Anthropology; Anthropology of Education; Environmental and Ecological Anthropology; Archeology; Physical Anthropology. Anthropology majors at UNT receive a broad range of training in theory and methodology: ethnography, in-depth interviewing, survey research and quantitative analysis. Courses require intensive writing, and all students are encouraged to become proficient in a second language. UNT places emphasis on training students in the application of anthropological knowledge in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors, in local, regional and international arenas. Students are encouraged to travel abroad and often get hands-on experience while working in UNT's international field schools.

***Related Career Titles (with OnetOnline links)***

**Entry-Level (Bachelor's Degree):**

Analyst  
Caseworker  
Community Development Specialist  
Community Service Administrator  
Curatorial Assistant  
Ecotourism Director  
Employment Recruiter  
[Exhibitions Officer](#)  
Field Archaeologist  
Friend of the Court Case Worker  
[Immigration Inspector](#)  
Information Officer  
Insurance Claims Adjuster  
[Laboratory Technician](#)  
[Legislative Aide](#)  
[Loan Officer/Bank Officer](#)

Management Trainee  
[Market Research Analyst](#)  
Multicultural Program Leader  
[Museum Technician](#)  
[National/State Park Interpreter](#)  
[Probation Officer](#)  
Program Coordinator/Assistant  
[Public Relations Specialist](#)  
[Research Associate](#)  
[Social Worker](#)  
Teacher/Trainer  
[Translator](#)  
[Travel Agent](#)  
[Travel Guide](#)  
Writer/[Editor](#)

**Jobs Requiring Additional Education or Experience:**

Advocate  
[Anthropologist](#)  
[Archaeologist](#)  
[Archivist](#)  
[Art Conservator](#)  
Behavioral Science Advisor  
Bilingual/Bicultural Program Specialist  
Biographer  
Collections Manager  
College Professor  
Community Development Officer  
[Community Planner](#)  
Congressional Committee Staff Director  
Contract Archaeologist  
[Coroner](#)/Medical Examiner  
Cultural Anthropologist  
Cultural Artifact Specialist  
[Cultural Resource Manager](#)  
[Curator](#)  
Development Director  
[Employee Relations Specialist](#)  
Environmental Impact Assessment  
    Researcher  
Environmental Resource Specialist  
Ethnologist  
Excavator  
Family Service Counselor  
Foreign Affairs Officer  
Forensic Anthropologist  
Forensic Archaeologist  
Foundation Program Manager  
Genealogist  
[Genetic Counselor](#)  
[Geographer](#)  
Head Start Program Director  
Health Science Administrator  
[Historian](#)  
[Human Resources Manager](#)  
Industrial Psychologist  
International Agency Representative  
Job Counselor  
[Journalist](#)  
Legislative Compliance Officer  
[Librarian](#)  
Linguist  
[Management Analyst](#)  
[Marketing Manager](#)  
Media Planner  
Media Specialist  
Medical Anthropologist  
Multicultural Education Specialist/Director  
[Museum Conservator](#)

**CAREER CENTER**  
Division of Student Affairs



Museum Education Director  
Paleontologist  
Park Service Supervisor/Director  
Peace Corps Area Director  
Physician  
Policy Analyst  
Political Scientist  
Public Health Educator  
Public Relations Specialist  
Researcher  
Rural Development Officer  
Scientific Linguist  
Site Manager

Social Anthropologist  
Social Insurance Representative  
Social Science Analyst  
Social Service Agency Planner  
State/Federal Government Agency Analyst  
Surveyor  
Teacher, Elementary/Secondary  
Teacher of English as a Second Language  
Technical Writer  
Union Legal Counsel  
Urban Planner  
Vocational Teacher

***Related Work Sites***

Advertising Agencies  
Art Galleries  
Bureau of Land Management  
Business Firms  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Colleges  
Construction/Architectural Companies  
Consulting Firms  
Cultural Heritage Organizations  
Department of Conservation  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Department of Housing and Urban  
Development  
Department of Natural Resources  
Department of Transportation  
Environmental/Engineering Companies  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Federal, State, and Local Government  
Agencies  
Financial Institutions  
Forensic Laboratories  
Historic Preservation Societies  
Historical Sites  
Hospitals and Medical Centers  
Human Resources  
Insurance Companies  
Investigative Firms  
Laboratories  
Libraries  
Manufacturers

Medical Examiner's/Coroner's Office  
Museums/Archives  
National Archives and Records  
Administration  
National Institutes of Health  
National Park Service  
Nature Centers  
Nonprofit Organizations  
Private Foundations  
Property Management Firms  
Public Health Service  
Public Relations Departments  
Publishers  
Real Estate Companies  
Refugee Services Providers  
Research Institutes  
Retail Agencies  
Service Providers  
Smithsonian Institute  
Social Service Agencies  
Special Interest Groups  
Trade or Professional Associations  
Urban and City Planning Offices  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
U.S. Bureau of the Census  
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
U.S. Department of State  
U.S. Forest Service  
Wholesalers  
Zoo

***Skills to Develop to Include on a Resume***

Ability to meet deadlines  
Ability to work/live in adverse conditions  
Active listening  
Attention to detail  
Budget and fiscal management  
Examining data and artifacts  
Competency in cultures/languages  
Complex problem solving  
Conducting field studies  
Develop research ideas  
Field experience  
Interpersonal skills  
Knowledge of cultural histories  
Leadership  
Organizational skills  
Patience and perseverance

Planning projects  
Presenting information  
Public speaking  
Quantitative research  
Recognizing cultural differences/similarities  
Sampling, gathering, and organizing data  
Statistical and analytical skills  
Strong computer knowledge  
Summarizing results  
Surveying  
Understanding of environmental factors  
Willingness to travel/relocate  
Work well under pressure  
Work well with different types of people  
Writing grant proposals  
Written and oral communication skills

***Exploring Careers in Anthropology***

[American Anthropological Association Career Paths](#)  
[Anthropological Center for Training and Research on Global Environmental Change](#)  
[Anthropology in the News](#)  
[Bureau of Land Management](#)  
[Careers in Archeology](#)  
[Career Paths in Anthropology](#)

[Consortium of Practicing and Applied Anthropology Programs](#)  
[Finding a Career in Anthropology](#)  
[Forensic Anthropology](#)  
[Non-Academic Careers in Anthropology](#)  
[The Practice of Anthropology](#)  
[UNT Anthropology Department](#)  
[Why Major in Anthropology?](#)

***Professional Associations***

[Advisory Council on Historic Preservation](#)  
[American Academy of Forensic Sciences](#)  
[American Anthropological Association](#)  
[American Association for State and Local History](#)  
[American Association of Museums](#)  
[American Association of Physical Anthropologists](#)  
[American Board of Forensic Anthropology](#)  
[American Cultural Resources Association](#)  
[American Ethnological Association](#)  
[American Public Human Services Association](#)  
[American Research Center in Egypt](#)  
[American Society for Public Administration](#)  
[Archaeological Conservancy](#)

[Archaeological Institute of America](#)  
[Association for Social Anthropology of Oceania](#)  
[Center for American Archeology](#)  
[Council on Anthropology and Education](#)  
[Food and Agriculture Organization](#)  
[National Association for the Practice of Anthropology](#)  
[National Genealogical Society](#)  
[National Geographic Society](#)  
[National Organizations for Social Services](#)  
[National Recreation and Park Association](#)  
[National Trust for Historic Preservation](#)  
[Society for American Archaeology](#)  
[Society for Applied Anthropology](#)

[Society for Archaeological Sciences](#)  
[Society for Historical Archaeology](#)  
[Society for Linguistic Anthropology](#)  
[Society for Medical Anthropology](#)

[Society for Research Administrators  
International](#)  
[Texas Association of Museums](#)

***Student Organizations***

[Anthropology Student Association at UNT](#)  
[Engaged Beyond Borders](#)  
[National Association of Student  
Anthropologists](#)

[Student Conservation Association](#)  
[UNT Student Organizations](#)

***Job Search Links***

[African Development Foundation](#)  
[American Academy of Forensic Sciences](#)  
[American Anthropological Association](#)  
[American Association for State and Local  
History](#)  
[American Association of Physical  
Anthropologists](#)  
[American Museum of National History](#)  
[Archaeological Institute of America](#)  
[Archeology Field Work](#)  
[Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#)  
[Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#)  
[Cultural Resource Network](#)  
[Defense Language Institute](#)  
[EarthWatch Institute](#)  
[Idealist](#)  
[Independent Sector](#)  
[International Center for Research on Women](#)

[International Federation of Red Cross and  
Red Crescent Societies](#)  
[Jane Goodall Institute](#)  
[Museum Employment Resource Center](#)  
[Museum Job Resources](#)  
[National Archives](#)  
[National Association for the Practice of  
Anthropology](#)  
[Opportunity Knocks](#)  
[Organization of American States](#)  
[Preserve Net](#)  
[Sierra Club](#)  
[Sister Cities International](#)  
[Society for Applied Anthropology](#)  
[USA Jobs](#)  
[US Agency for International Development](#)  
[World Wildlife Fund](#)

***Internship Search Links***

[Archaeological Institute of America](#)  
[Carter Center](#)  
[Center for Strategic and International Studies](#)  
[Center for World Indigenous Studies](#)  
[Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#)  
[Cultural Anthropology](#)  
[Cultural Survival](#)

[Eagle Network](#)  
[Ford Foundation](#)  
[International Fund for Agricultural  
Development](#)  
[National Park Service](#)  
[Organization of American States](#)  
[Smithsonian Institution](#)

***Find a Mentor***

[Linked In](#)

[National Association for the Practice of Anthropology](#)

[University of North Texas Career Center](#)

***Additional Resources***

[Bankrate Cost of Living Calculator](#)

[CareerOneStop](#)

[CareerRealism](#)

[CareerRookie](#)

[CollegeGrad](#)

[Eagle Network](#)

[GlassDoor](#)

[Going Global](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

[mySkills myFuture](#)

[NACE Salary Calculator](#)

[Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)

[O\\*NET OnLine](#)

[Optimal Resume](#)

[PayScale Salary Survey](#)

[Sperling's Compare Cost of Living](#)

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