Anthropology | Western Michigan University

Majors and Minors

Anthropology, major and minor

- Explore our multicultural world through an integrative, four-field approach that includes culture, linguistics, archaeology and biology.
- Prepare for a career in corporations, academia, nonprofit organizations and non-governmental organizations, as well as with federal, state and local governments.
- Gain invaluable skills in observing and recording human behavior, interviewing, designing survey instruments, and scientific analysis.
- Learn to think critically about and help solve global and local issues that affect the human condition.
Anthropology

The Department of Anthropology at Western provides solid preparation for postgraduate training and careers in a number of fields such as archaeology, applied anthropology, museum work, conservation, education, forensic science, law, health and medicine, international business, marketing, human services, tourism and other fields that require an understanding of cultural diversity and human adaptability.

Anthropology is a means to enhance our understanding of the human condition by integrating historical, cultural and biological perspectives. Our faculty and students are committed to the practice of anthropology as a critical social science that appreciates human diversity and challenges global inequities.

Immediate Impact
Within three months of earning their degree, Anthropology graduates are ...

Based on class of 2016-17 employment data within three months of graduation.

Potential Careers and Median Salaries

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<th>Career</th>
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<td>Cultural Resource Specialist</td>
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According to Glassdoor and the Bureau of Labor Statistics

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Graduate Programs

The Master of Arts in Anthropology at Western provides essential training in critical thinking, writing for diverse audiences and holistic thinking. Students in the program benefit from extensive exposure to social theory and experiential learning, focused on putting that theory into practice through research.