

After completion of a major in Anthropology, students will be able to:

1. Explain the development of anthropology as an academic discipline.
2. Outline the basic research methodologies in the major subfields of anthropology (archaeology, biological anthropology, and cultural anthropology) and elaborate on specific methods in one or more subfields.
3. Elucidate the significance of evolutionary and sociocultural theory for anthropological study.
4. Interpret the interrelationships among sociocultural, political, and economic dynamics that impact individual and group experiences and identities in the past and present.
5. Evaluate the influence of genetic, ecological, and sociocultural factors on human biological and cultural variation in the past and present.
6. Outline differences and similarities between humans and non-human primates, and between primates and other mammals.
7. Evaluate how anthropology can help us to better understand the broad range of important contemporary issues (e.g., global health crises, vaccination, migration, genetic advances, free-trade policies, etc.) that will require decision and policy making in the future.