

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

ANTHROPOLOGY

Anthropology is the study of humanity. Anthropology majors **examine human biology**, **evolution**, **culture**, **society**, **behavior and language** in prehistoric, historical and contemporary contexts. It is a broad and unique field that spans the humanities, natural sciences and social sciences.

DEPARTMENT STRENGTHS

- **Outcomes-Focused Academics.** The department emphasizes applied anthropology, leading to meaningful careers for graduates.
- **Faculty and Research Enterprise.** It produces high-impact scholarship and has received international recognition for its research.
- **Alumni and Community Support.** The department boasts a robust alumni network and an active Community Advisory Board.

SAMPLE CURRICULUM

Core Courses

- ANTH 1100 Biological Anthropology, Archaeology and Human Evolution
- ANTH 1200 Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 3200 Culture and Change Around the World
- ANTH 4065 Anthropological Theory

Electives

- ANTH 2301 Fundamentals of Anthropology
- ANTH 3201 Anthropology of the Internet
- ANTH 3541 Anthropology of Food and Nutrition
- ANTH 4010 Ethnographic Methods
- ANTH 4111 Evolution and Human Health
- ANTH 4431 Capitalism, Consumption and Culture

DEGREE OPTIONS

- BA in Anthropology*
  - Applied Anthropology Concentration
- Minor in Anthropology*
- Minor in Applied Anthropology
- Accelerated BA/MA in Anthropology
- MA in Applied Anthropology
  - Medical Anthropology Concentration
- Integrated MA/MPH in Applied Anthropology
- Dual MA in Anthropology & City and Regional Planning

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

- Geographic Information Systems*
- Museum Studies*
- Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership*
- Women's and Gender Studies*

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Community Service
- Directed Readings and Research
- Engaged Scholarship
- Honors Program
- Internships
- Practicums and Applied Learning Projects
- Study Abroad

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ANTHROPOLOGY
MAJOR FACT SHEET

BY THE NUMBERS (Spring 2026)

Student Enrollment

62 Total

44 Undergraduate

18 Graduate

Number of Minors

21 Total

Student Demographics

73% Female

68% Under 25

36% Pell Grant

39% First Gen

Faculty Employed

8:1 Student-Faculty Ratio†

8 Full-Time

5 Part-Time

8 Grad Asst

21 Total

Degrees Awarded

18 Total

9 Bachelor's

9 Master's

Career Outcomes‡

$78K Avg Expected Salary First Destination

$64K Avg Annual Salary 1-3 Years Post-Grad

72% Employed in TN

65% Employed in Memphis

TN Employment Outlook

16.6% 10-Year Job Growth

1,083 Avg Annual Job Openings

CAREER OPTIONS

Job Titles

- Anthropologist
- Archaeologist
- Cultural Resource Manager
- GIS Specialist
- Historic Preservationist
- Linguist
- Marketing Strategist
- Museum Curator
- Nonprofit Director
- Policy Analyst

Industries

- Business
- Education
- Government
- Healthcare
- Nonprofit

WHO YOU ARE

Personality

- Adventurous
- Artistic
- Curious
- Investigative
- Open-Minded
- Persistent

Interests & Hobbies

- Cultural Diversity
- Finding Patterns
- Human Behavior
- Human Evolution
- Language and Linguistics
- Traveling

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Core Skills

- Advocacy and Activism
- Cultural Awareness
- Grant Writing
- Observation and Surveying
- Project Development
- Qualitative Research Methods

Transferable Skills

- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Problem Solving
- Public Speaking
- Reading Comprehension
- Teamwork

* *Online degree options are available for the specified programs through UofM Global.*

† *Calculated based on the number of student majors and the number of full-time faculty.*

‡ *Based on self-reported post-graduation outcomes of UofM students who have earned a Bachelor's degree in the last ten years.*