

# Anthropology

Anthropology is the study of humans both, past and present. Anthropology builds on the knowledge from social and biological sciences as well as the humanities and physical sciences.

Anthropology uses the perspectives of sociocultural anthropology, biological/physical anthropology, archaeology, and linguistic anthropology.

A degree in Anthropology prepares you for a variety of employment opportunities and for graduate study. One could apply their knowledge to community and urban studies, aging, criminology, delinquency, populations, health, minorities, or family services.

Research design and data analysis skills acquired in the Anthropology Major are applicable in nearly all professions.

## Skills and Competencies

The Anthropology Major will expose you to courses and insights that will positively influence your understanding of the world. In the process, you will acquire new skills. Your interpersonal communication, ability to explain and conduct research, knowledge of community resources, language skills, ability to make decisions, and ability to maintain composure in trying situations will be developed. Training in basic statistics and research methods is essential for most social scientists. Anthropology majors are able to design projects and policies, gather information, analyze data, and present reports to decisions-makers in both public and private organizations. They are able to make a difference. Objectivity, open-mindedness, and systematic work habits are also important in all kinds of science research.

## Course Work

**This degree includes the following courses as part of the program requirements, and specific major requirements along with general education courses and graduation requirements.**

### Theory and Methods Core

AN440 History of Anthropology (4cr.)  
AN470 Culture and Power (4cr.)  
SO208 Methods of Social research (4cr.)  
AN340 Intro. to Ethnographic Field Methods (4cr.) or AN355 Seminar in Archaeological Field Methods (2-10cr.)

### Anthropology Concentrations

General Anthropology  
Sociocultural Anthropology  
Archaeology

### Anthropology Electives

**Choose 12 Credit hours from the following:**

AN295 Special Topics in Anthropology (1-4cr.)  
AN315 Myth, Myster, and Fraud in Anthropology (4cr.)  
AN330 Indians of the Western Great Lakes (4cr.)  
AN390 Museum Studies (4cr.)  
AN450 Forensic Anthropology (4cr.)  
AN495 Special Topics in Anthropology (4cr.)  
AN498 Direct Study in Anthropology (1-4cr.)  
GC225 Intro. to Maps (2cr.)

### Required Minor (20 cr.)

Detailed course descriptions can be found at [www.nmu.edu/bulletin](http://www.nmu.edu/bulletin).

## Career Development

You should begin the resume-building process as soon as you can. The Academic and Career Advisement Center can assist you with career planning, while Career Services will help you fine tune your resume and look for jobs related to your field. In the meantime, the more hands-on experience you have, the better the chances are that you will find a job. Becoming involved in a professional related internship is a way to develop your professional skills and gain experience. Your academic course work is important as well, so be sure to maintain a high grade point average.

## Additional Considerations

Some occupations are often accompanied by excellent benefits, but many require education beyond a Bachelor's degree.

Good verbal/written communication skills, and organization skills are beneficial to these occupations. Strong analytical skills and ability to make decisions quickly are required in many of these occupations. Several require education or experience beyond the baccalaureate level.

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## Job Outlook

Starting salaries are contingent upon geographic location and individual work experience. Most of the new careers will involve data processing and information handling.

# Potential Careers

NMU's Anthropology Program prepares students for employment in the following careers:

Advertising  
Bureau of Statistics  
Census Bureau  
Child Protective Service Specialist  
City Planning  
Civil Service Agent  
Consumer Action Agency  
Consumer Attitude Research  
Criminal Justice Specialist  
Data Analyst  
Economist  
Environmental Impact Worker  
Family Outreach Programs  
Guidance Counselor  
Hospital Administrate  
Human Services Agencies  
Institutional Research  
Legislative Aide  
Marketing Research  
Mental Health  
Personnel Management  
Public Health Educator  
Public Relations  
Sales Coordinator  
Sales Representative  
Urban Planning  
Youth Advocate

# Additional Resources and Information

For Career Planning and Opportunities:

Academic & Career Advisement Center  
3302.1 C.B. Hedgcock  
906-227-2971  
[www.nmu.edu/acac](http://www.nmu.edu/acac)

Department of Sociology and Social Work  
2400 Jamrich  
906-227-2706  
[www.nmu.edu/sociology](http://www.nmu.edu/sociology)

For Job Search, Resume and Career Information:

Career Services  
3302.3 C.B. Hedgcock  
906-227-2800  
[www.nmu.edu/careers](http://www.nmu.edu/careers)

For Information about NMU Student Organizations Associated with this Major Contact:

Center for Student Enrichment  
1206 University Center  
906-227-2439  
[www.nmu.edu/cse](http://www.nmu.edu/cse)

NMU Anthropology Club  
[anthro@nmu.edu](mailto:anthro@nmu.edu)

Student Social Work/Sociology Organization  
[http://www.nmu.edu/soc\\_work/sswso.htm](http://www.nmu.edu/soc_work/sswso.htm)

Internet Resource Links:

[www.careers.org](http://www.careers.org)  
[www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)

For Career Information with National Organizations:

[www.asanet.org](http://www.asanet.org) -American Sociological Assoc.  
[www.socpractice.org](http://www.socpractice.org) -Sociological Practice Assoc.



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