

# Anthropology

## **Anthropology is the study of human life as a whole. . .**

Anthropologists study questions that involve fossil and archaeological records; the interplay between biological, social, and cultural factors in present day societies; or aspects of the diverse cultures and languages of world peoples. Such studies frequently fall across the boundaries of the natural sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities.

The B.A. in anthropology--with its emphasis on library, laboratory & field research, writing and oral presentation--prepares students for a wide variety of career opportunities in the public and private sector. Anthropology courses span the sciences, social sciences and humanities.

## **What you can do with a degree in Anthropology. . .**

Graduates of UND's Anthropology program include: CIA analyst, Peace Corps volunteer, English as a Second Language teacher, tourism director, consultant for non-profit/non-government organizations, public health consultant, social worker, cultural resource manager in archaeology, private detective, hardware sales manager, museum education specialist, court advocate, Forest Service archaeologist, lab technician, attorney, nurse, physician, teacher, international banking assistant, surveyor, medical research associate, professor, applied anthropologist, Navy information systems technician, landscaper, import/export manager.

## **Program Options. . .**

We offer courses in four of the anthropological subfields—cultural anthropology, archaeology, biological anthropology, and forensic anthropology.

## **Unique characteristics of UND's Anthropology program. . .**

Our curriculum emphasizes active learning, critical thinking, research, and writing skills. We offer multiple opportunities for students to engage in field and lab research with professors in all the subfields; summer field schools; faculty-directed study abroad opportunities (Brazil, Belize, possibly Madagascar and Mexico); and a cross-cultural film series for the community (Global Visions Film Series). Our faculty are active in research and consulting at the community and national levels (domestic violence, race and racism education, historic preservation, archaeological interpretation, environmental archaeology, dental anthropology, forensic anthropology, primate field studies). We also offer a special senior capstone seminar, workshops for grad school preparation, and a scholarly brown bag lecture series.

## **Getting in. . .**

The Anthropology major has no additional admittance requirements beyond the University's requirements.

## **It's A Fact. . .**

- We have a forensic anthropology lab, an archaeology lab, and summer field schools.
- The Gretchen Chesley Lang Outstanding Achievement Award is given annually and the need-based Anthropology Alumni Scholarship is distributed occasionally.
- Our small size means that our students really get to know each other and the faculty well. We work hard to mentor our students and support them in their post-graduate plans. In the last 15 years 95% of our students who have applied to graduate school have been accepted.
- Average class size for courses in the major is 70 (lower division) and 15 (upper division).
- 5 faculty in the department, 1 research archaeologist, and 1 adjunct geoarchaeology professor.
- Average of 45-50 students enrolled in the program.
- Archaeology major was first offered at UND in the early 70's
- Anthropology Club is active on campus.
- Salaries range widely depending upon the field of work and the level of post-graduate training.
- Many Anthropology students have presented their research findings at undergraduate/regional conferences.
- The University of North Dakota is offering more online courses and degree programs than ever before to provide you with additional flexibility. Please visit [www.distance.und.edu](http://www.distance.und.edu) for more information or call toll free at 800-342-8230 or 701-777-3044.

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### It's A Fact continued. . .

- Related fields: sociology, international business, law, medicine, public health, social work, museology, business management, education, resource conservation, recreation management, tourism consulting, international development, urban development, comparative religions.
- Department grads include a former UND Registrar, a professor at the UND Law School, and a military surgeon who served in Iraq.

### In Addition. . .

- Our professors are known nationally and internationally for their field research and publications in books and scholarly journals. They regularly incorporate their research methods and innovative ideas in their classroom teaching, sharing their experiences from anthropological field work in Madagascar, Brazil, Ghana, and North America.
- Our faculty are each developing research programs of national and international importance. Primate conservation and biology in Madagascar, domestic violence intervention in Grand Forks, human rights education in Brazil, heritage tourism in Ghana, prehistoric human ecology and technology in Nevada and Mississippi, and the application of physical anthropology methods to homicide investigation and human evolution issues are some examples of the creative scholarship ongoing in our department.
- Hands-on learning is a cornerstone of the department. Our forensic anthropologist asks students to identify skeletal fragments and to work on mock homicide investigations. Our archeologists have students identifying and analyzing prehistoric artifacts during class, and our dental anthropologist trains students to identify and describe primate fossils. Finally, our cultural anthropologists send students out into the community to conduct interviews, explore subcultures, and create in-depth ethnographies. We also help students with national internships and coop placements, and encourage study abroad experiences and field schools for archaeology, forensic science, biological anthropology and ethnography.

### In Addition continued. . .

- Our small class size and friendly staff and faculty help students feel at home in the Department of Anthropology. We have an active Anthropology Club, a student lounge, regular social events, special workshops and brown bag lunch speakers. We pride ourselves in knowing our majors well and assisting them with academic planning, job referrals, and recommendations for graduate school, and advise about careers and life after college.
- We are concerned that all of our students acquire a solid background in the broad and integrated field of anthropology and its natural scientific, social scientific, and humanistic approaches. Our graduates will understand and appreciate cultural and biological diversity, and become aware and sensitive to the prevalence of social problems, ethnocentrism, and prejudice across many world societies, including our own. They will gain experience in research (laboratory, fieldwork-based and library-based), and will consider ethical issues in our profession and others. Finally, they will develop and refine their critical communication skills.

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