Anthropology

Our Program

Anthropology is a holistic science dedicated to the study of human cultural and biological diversity. Its sub-fields are: cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, linguistic anthropology, and archaeology. Studying anthropology is a great way to develop useful and marketable skills that are ideal for applying to a wide variety of cultural situations and career trajectories in today’s academic, nonacademic, and increasingly global job market, as well as continuation in advanced degree programs.

At Humboldt, anthropology students gain a solid foundation of the discipline as a whole and specialized knowledge and research skills in one or more subfields and world regions. Some topics that our classes cover include social justice, cultural resource management, environmental archaeology, North American and Mesoamerican archaeology, forensic anthropology, colonization and post-colonial reality, the cultural construction of race and ethnicity, ritual and religion, gender and sexuality, economic anthropology, anthropology and globalization, evolution, primatology, human biology, paleoanthropology, and evolutionary medicine. Some regional areas we cover include Latin America, North America, Asia, Oceania Africa, and Europe.

Why HSU?

Educational and research opportunities in anthropology are enhanced by small class sizes and excellent facilities available at Humboldt, including smart classroom, laboratories and collections facilities, and our simulated archaeological site. At Humboldt, students have opportunities to engage in hands-on research and field/lab work locally, such as participating in surveys and excavations, working with museums, government agencies, and Native American Tribes, conducting forensic and isotopic analysis, ethnography, and more. Students at Humboldt also have an opportunity to make international or applied experience an integral part of their anthropology undergraduate degree. Many students have spent time at universities in China (learning the language and culture or taking courses in archaeology), in Belize (engaging in field archaeology), in Poland (engaged in osteology and bioarchaeology), or on international exchange or independent study programs.

Bachelor of Arts

Master of Arts

Applied Anthropology

Minor

Career Areas

Archaeology
Museum curation
Ethnography
Linguistics
Cultural Heritage
Cultural Resources
Paleoanthropology
Forensic Anthropology
Criminal Justice
Medical Anthropology
Public Health
Education
Social Justice
Advocacy/Activism
Urban Planning
Program Development
Disaster Relief
Foreign Affairs
Primatology
Animal Behavior
Conservation
Environmental Analysis
Administration
Analytics
Advertising
Writing/Film

Careers listed may require additional education. Anthropology students explore and prepare for careers throughout the program, and are encouraged to engage in volunteer and internship activities to explore career trajectories. For more information about careers & employers, see the Anthropology Career Guide.

For more information

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