

ANTHROPOLOGY

Mission Statement

The Anthropology program at UNF is committed to provide a stimulating and enriching learning environment for our students. To provide our students with a rigorous and comprehensive training in anthropology, we embrace the teacher/scholar model and we strive to involve and/or to expose students to the various phases of the anthropological research process. We aim to introduce students to the different areas of expertise and approaches that compose the complex universe of anthropology. We have designed a systematic and comprehensive program for our majors one that should allow them to familiarize themselves with the four fields of anthropology—cultural anthropology, linguistic anthropology, physical anthropology, and archaeology. We offer our minors a more flexible curriculum of studies, one that can best suit a student's interests for one of the sub-fields of anthropology and, at the same time, best complement his/her major.

The Anthropology program at UNF aims to prepare students to face the challenges of an increasingly diversified and interconnected global society. A holistic and systematic understanding of other people and their cultures has become a requisite to operate and communicate effectively in everyday situations. We also aim to provide students with an understanding and appreciation of human diversity (both biological and cultural); one that should foster cross-cultural communication here and abroad. Moreover, we provide our students with a firm understanding of the full sweep of humanity's history and the major transitions we have undergone. Our program of study emphasizes both the foundations of anthropological thought as well as the practical relevance of anthropological knowledge and methods.

Student Learning Outcomes

UNF Anthropology graduates will be able to:

Content/Disciplinary Knowledge

- Express a general knowledge of the four sub-fields of anthropology and the Anthropological perspective (i.e., it is cross-cultural, holistic, etc.)
- Discuss the basic methods, theories, role, and value of studying human prehistory in the modern world
- Use the basic vocabulary of modern linguistics to discuss the nature of human language
- Explain how and why humans vary biologically, and the interaction of human biology and culture
- Provide examples of Anthropology's uses in addressing humanity's problems

Critical Thinking

- Locate the analysis of anthropological issues within their larger socio-cultural contexts
- Use ethnographic examples from a variety of cultures to promote greater understanding of humanity's differences and to foster communication across cultures
- Incisively examine qualitative and/or quantitative data to arrive at reasonable and well-founded conclusions.
- Apply theories and knowledge of major schools of anthropological thought to analyze phenomena of anthropological interest

Communication

- Writes in a clear, logical style
- Support intellectual positions with evidence and clear written argumentation
- Demonstrate knowledge of major forms of bibliographic citation and reference.
- Demonstrates knowledge of the anthropological perspective and its methods of data collection and analysis

Assessment Approaches

Numerous direct and indirect measures of student learning will be employed to assess mastery of the intended student learning outcomes. Course embedded assessments using a defined scoring rubric (criterion-based rating scale) will be one of the principle assessment approaches within the Anthropology program. Other direct measures of learning outcomes may include capstone projects, pass rates on subject-area tests, student publications/conference presentations, and/or intern supervisor ratings of students' performance. Indirect measures may include employer or alumni surveys, student perception surveys, and graduate school placement rates.

Career Opportunities

For information on the many career options available to Anthropology majors, go to *What Can You Do with an Anthropology Major* at: <http://www.unf.edu/dept/cdc/majors/anthropology.html>

For More Information

To learn more about the UNF Anthropology Department and majoring in Anthropology, go to <http://www.unf.edu/coas/soc-anth/>

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