Anthropology, BA

A BA in anthropology lies at the cross-section between complex reasoning, the collection and analysis of data, and pure human ingenuity. Using skills gained from this program, you'll open up rewarding career paths and new avenues of public understanding in everything from humankind's historical origins to modern sociocultural intricacies.

Program Description

Anthropology helps students develop strong critical-thinking and oral and written expression skills, which are important for success in many careers. The BA program in anthropology gives students an opportunity to learn how and why humans evolved and how our evolutionary biological, social and cultural trajectories help us understand the meaning of being human in past, present and future environments.

In this degree program students learn how to use the scientific method to formulate and test hypotheses and gather qualitative and quantitative data through participant observation, interviewing, ethnographic study, careful excavation and measurement. They also learn how to employ statistics to analyze and extract meaning from data.

A special feature of the ASU anthropology program is its relevance to other disciplines and many exciting hands-on learning opportunities in laboratories and through study abroad and field-based courses.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus or online
- **Additional Program Fee:** No
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General
Required Courses (Major Map)

2018 - 2019 Major Map (On-campus)
2018 - 2019 Major Map (Online)
Major Map (Archives)

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors. Students should see https://students.asu.edu/changingmajors for information about how to change the major to this program.

Attend Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

Transfer Agreements

ASU has partnered with colleges and universities in Arizona, California, Illinois and Washington to provide transfer curriculum pathways. Students should select their current institution to see if there is a partnership agreement between the institution and ASU for this degree program. Students who do not see their state or institution listed should check back as ASU is always working on creating new partnerships.

Transfer from a Maricopa Community College in Arizona
Transfer from an Arizona Community College
Transfer from another state
Global Opportunities

Global Experience

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/)

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in anthropology: [http://links.asu.edu/SAO.anthropology](http://links.asu.edu/SAO.anthropology).

Career Opportunities

The demand in the job market for people with an anthropology background is stimulated by a growing need for researchers and analysts with keen thinking skills who can manage, evaluate and interpret large amounts of data. As the many spheres of human interaction expand globally, people trained in anthropology will
increasingly be sought for their broad, holistic knowledge and perspectives, which are the hallmarks of anthropology. Some career opportunities include:

- acting as legal advocates in international cases
- analyzing and proposing policies
- conducting postgraduate academic research
- consulting for private and public organizations
- curating cultural resources
- directing nonprofit organizations
- directing programs in the private or public sector
- managing culture or heritage resources in private or public sectors
- modeling infectious diseases
- planning communities
- providing health care as nurses, doctors or public or global health professionals
- teaching

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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<th>Career</th>
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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