Anthropology is a fieldwork-based discipline

**Sociocultural anthropologists** practice participant observation, live within diverse societies to understand their perspectives, traditions, and beliefs.

**Archaeologists** perform survey and excavation to gather evidence to answer questions about the lifeways of past societies around the world.

**Physical anthropologists** investigate evolution, adaptation, and biological aspects pertaining to social and environmental relationships of humans and their relatives. We travel to fossil sites, gravesites, primate habitats, historical archives, and work in today’s communities!

**Linguists** study historical and modern language diversity and its relationships to every aspect of human societal organization. We also work to preserve endangered languages, or decipher ancient ones.

**Reasons to Major in Anthropology at the University at Albany**

We emphasize undergraduate involvement in research from year one

Fieldwork and lab courses provide first-hand experience

Travel for fieldwork in NY state or abroad!

UAlbany is classified as an R-1 research institution...

Work & study with top researchers

Options to specialize in mesoamerican or northeastern north american anthropology

Courses in anthropology's four subfields serve as launchpads give students a broad foundation in interdisciplinary approaches

**Research, Explain, Understand Human Societies & Adaptations Past and Present**
Why Study Anthropology?

Anthropologists study and compare the organization, strategies, and adaptations of human groups from the time of our earliest ancestors to the present day.

We celebrate and seek to understand human cultural diversity.

We are interdisciplinary. To study and advocate for the world’s diverse human cultures, anthropologists investigate religion, social organization, human biology, environmental relationships, economies, art, political geography, ethnohistories, languages, ancient writing, and much more.

Anthropologists’ work traverses the planet and crosses through many time periods. We are the original global scholars.

Jobs for Anthropologists

PROFESSORS
RESEARCHERS, MEDICAL FIELDS, COMPUTING
GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES & NGO’S, SOCIAL RESEARCH, FOUNDATIONS, MUSEUMS, CULTURAL HERITAGE, HUMAN RIGHTS, LINGUISTS, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
ARTS, FILM INDUSTRY, CREATIVE WRITING, JOURNALISM
ALMOST ANY FIELD THAT VALUES CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Companies That Currently Employ Anthropologists

- Universities/Colleges
- Environmental Agencies
- Google, Netflix (big tech)
- Intelligence Agencies
- The Smithsonian (& various regional/national museums
- Humanitarian NGOs
- Reddit
- The U.N.
- CDC/WHO
- National Park Service
- Dept. of Veteran’s Affairs
- World Bank
- Urban Planners
- Homeland Security
- City/State/Federal Public Health Agencies

University at Albany
Anthropologists Study...

- Environmental Archaeology
- Human Ecology
- Archaeology of Mexico
- Medical Anthropology
- Archaeology of Northeastern North America
- Language and Culture
- Archaeology of the Subarctic and Arctic
- Ethnohistory and Colonial Encounters
- Political Economy (Past and Present)
- Urban Life (Past and Present)
- Cultural and Ethnic Identity
- Human Rights and Political Violence
- Indigenous & Global Economies
- The Rise and Fall of Civilizations
- Ancient and Contemporary Religions
- Mesoamerican Languages
- Hieroglyphs
- Human and Primate Evolution
- Primate Ecology
- Forensic Anthropology
- Human Population Dynamics