

Western Kentucky University, Department of Folk Studies & Anthropology

Program Information

Program Name	Western Kentucky University, Department of Folk Studies & Anthropology
General Description / Special Programs	Curriculum emphasizes holistic, four-field, biocultural examination of evolutionary populations and contemporary and archaeological cultures. Delivered by full-time faculty, curriculum prepares students for competitive graduate programs, prestigious internships, and employment in diverse areas of applied and academic anthropology and related fields. Institutional home of the Kentucky Archaeological Survey (KAS), an award-winning program that works with diverse groups to investigate, interpret, and preserve the state's rich archaeological heritage. Numerous opportunities for student experiential learning: internships; in the Anthropology Lab and Ethnographic Visual Production Lab; with KAS; conducting fieldwork and lab-based research in ethnography, visual anthropology, archaeology, and biological anthropology; working on faculty grants; and participating in departmental events and student organizations. Students win awards and present at conferences at the regional, state, and national levels. Students are certified in Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI). Summer field schools in Kentucky (ancient and historical archaeology, graveyard archaeology) and Mongolia (ancient archaeology). Only Kentucky institution with Ethnographic Visual Production Lab and related coursework, that requires training in ethnographic field methods, that offers a concentration in applied anthropology, and has a certificate in cultural resource management. Campus offices assist students with study abroad planning, national scholarship applications, and career preparation.
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Program Details

Degrees Offered	Anthropology BA, minor
Tuition Information	
Highest Degree Offered	BA/BS
Certificate Info	Cultural Resource Management Certificate (pending)
Other Degree Requirements	
Certificates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRM
Associates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Applied Anthropology • Archaeology • Biological Anthropology • Cultural Anthropology • Linguistic Anthropology • Museum/Curatorial Studies
AA/ AS Requirements	
BA/BS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology
BA/ BS Requirements	Major requires 31 semester hours: 16 hours core courses, 9 hours concentration courses, and 6 hours elective courses. Core courses are introductory courses in four subdisciplines, ethnographic field methods, and senior seminar. Concentrations in applied anthropology, archaeology, biological anthropology, and cultural anthropology. Second major or minor required.
Experience Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conferences • Fellowships/Grants • Field Work • Internship
MA/ MS Requirements	
MA/MS Specializations	
Phd Requirements	
Research Facilities	Anthropology Lab with extensive archaeological and osteological teaching and research collections, fossil and primate casts, faunal comparative collection, South American and Liberian cultural collections, reference library, and computers/printers. Students use Anthropology Lab collections in courses and independent research, complete curatorial and collections management projects, and develop exhibits. Ethnographic Visual Production Laboratory supports audio, video, and multimedia editing and production, digital audio file transcription, and data analysis.
Support Opportunities	Anthropology Student Collaborative Learning Space with computer workstations, reference library, and lounge. Career-related professional development workshops for students. Faculty academic advisors are ranked among the best at the university.
Library Resources	
Internships Available	
Internship Info	80-90% of anthropology majors complete high-impact practices . Students work on faculty grants and research projects, complete lab practica and independent studies, contribute to service-learning projects, participate in study abroad and study away programs, and complete semester-long research projects. Kentucky Archaeological Survey offers students opportunities to get hands-on experience in archaeology field and lab methods, architectural and cultural studies, cemetery relocations, public outreach and education, and report writing. Short- and long-term collaborations with other campus departments and diverse community partners such as federal and state agencies, public schools, and non-profit organizations.
Internship Required	
Publications	
Collections	
Grants Or Funding	Du-Powell Scholarship in Anthropology

Misc Information	Ethnographic Visual Production Lab YouTube Channel www.youtube.com/channel/UCOPxqRcKoiv_Cg-WcghN8NQ Ethnographic Visual Production Lab Project Webpage https://www.wku.edu/fsa/visualproductionlab.php Western Mongolia Research Project Website https://westernmongoliaarchaeology.weebly.com/ Kentucky Archaeological Survey https://www.kentuckyarchaeologicalsurvey.org/ Living Archaeology Weekend https://www.livingarchaeologyweekend.org/
Phd Specializations	
Certs Offered	

Statistical Information

2021-22	Number of Male Undergrad Students	25
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	11
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	50
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	1
	Number Of Total Undergrad Students	76
	BA/BS Degrees Granted Total	12
	Number of Non-binary or third gender Undergrad Students	1
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Non-binary or third gender	0
2019-20	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	21
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	0
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	7
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	0
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	45
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	7
	Number of Male Grad Students	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	0
	Number of New Grad Students	0
	Number of Female Grad Students	0
	Number Of Total Grad Students	0
	Number Of Total Undergrad Students	68
	AA/AS Degrees Granted Total	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted Total	14
	MA/MS Degrees Granted Total	0
	PHD Degrees Granted Total	0
	Number of Non-binary or third gender Grad Students	0
	Number of Non-binary or third gender Undergrad Students	2
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Non-binary or third gender	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Non-binary or third gender	0
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Non-binary or third gender	0	
PHD Degrees Granted To Non-binary or third gender	0	

2018-19	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	24
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	0
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	15
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	0
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	56
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	6
	Number of Male Grad Students	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	0
	Number of New Grad Students	0
	Number of Female Grad Students	0
	2017-18	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males
Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding		0
Number of Male Undergrad Students		23
PHD Degrees Granted To Males		0
BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		15
PHD Degrees Granted To Females		0
AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males		0
Number of Female Undergrad Students		57
AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		0
BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males		5
Number of Male Grad Students		0
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females		0
Number of New Grad Students		0
Number of Female Grad Students		0
2016-17		MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	28
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	0
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	13
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	0
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	75
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	3
	Number of Male Grad Students	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	0
	Number of New Grad Students	0
	Number of Female Grad Students	0

2015-16	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	40
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	0
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	11
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	0
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	68
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	5
	Number of Male Grad Students	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	0
	Number of New Grad Students	0
	Number of Female Grad Students	0
	2014-15	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males
Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding		0
Number of Male Undergrad Students		43
PHD Degrees Granted To Males		0
BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		15
PHD Degrees Granted To Females		0
AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males		0
Number of Female Undergrad Students		72
AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		0
BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males		10
Number of Male Grad Students		0
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females		0
Number of New Grad Students		0
Number of Female Grad Students		0
2013-14		MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	38
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	0
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	12
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	0
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	68
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	3
	Number of Male Grad Students	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	0
	Number of New Grad Students	0
	Number of Female Grad Students	0

Program Contacts

Name	Phone	Email	Interest/Specialty Areas	Geographic Areas of Expertise United States	Geographic Areas of Expertise International
Darlene Applegate		darlene.applegate@wku.edu	Archaeology, bioarchaeology, applied archaeology, public archaeology, caves, rockshelters, graveyards, earthworks, lithic analysis, skeletal analysis	Eastern US	Western Hemisphere
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