



Formally established in 1934, the Department of Anthropology (ANTH) is committed to the study of human culture. Students receive comprehensive training in critical thinking as they explore and develop a global understanding of culture and society through comparative, holistic studies of communities. Specializations include applied archaeology, ecology, medical anthropology, and discursive practices, with particular focus in Hawai'i, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and the United States.

Anthropology

The department's programs encourage and develop fundamental skills such as critical thinking, communication, self-direction, expression, creativity, global awareness and team dynamics.

Major Academic Areas

Archaeology, Cultural Anthropology, Physical Anthropology, Biological Anthropology, Applied Archaeology, Hawaiian Studies, Indigenous Studies, Medical Anthropology, Ecological Anthropology, Discursive Practices, Asia, Pacific Islands, Oceania

Specialties

Applied Archaeology trains the next generation of professional non-academic archaeologists to be effective advocates for the study and preservation of historic sites.

Applied Cultural Anthropology trains students in the theories, methods, and analysis of cultural anthropology that can be utilized in careers requiring community-based fieldwork approaches to research.

Ecological Anthropology focuses on human-environment interactions using approaches across the subfields of anthropology.

Medical Anthropology studies the sociocultural dimensions of health and illness.

Degrees Offered

Bachelor of Arts (BA), Minor in Anthropology, Master of Arts (MA), Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

What Can You Do With This Major?

The skills learned in Anthropology can be transferred to a number of different employment opportunities such as:

Education - Teaching, research, administration.

Museum and Archives - Management and administration, curatorship, conservation, restoration, research, education, libraries, development.

Archeology - Cultural resource management, research, excavation, fieldwork.

Government - Administration, cultural resource management, surveying, site management, excavation, research, museum conservation, legislative compliance review, program management and evaluation, impact assessment, policy analysis, urban planning, translation and interpretation.

Nonprofit - Administration, program management and development, policy analysis, fundraising and development, research, grant writing, counseling.

Business - Management, sales/marketing, human resources, public relations.

Communications - Documentary film production, photography, photojournalism, journalism, writing and editing, publishing.

ANTH Facts

186 Undergraduates

51 Graduate Students

15 Faculty

3 Staff



Tom McDonough, Anthropology graduate, 2013

"As an undergrad I was fortunate to work as an 'Interpretation Ranger' at the Thomas Edison National Historical Park in New Jersey. It was my job to help visitors understand the historical significance of the place, while also connecting it to their own lives. Each day I learned how its relationship to the present constantly changes and takes on new meanings. Although National Historical Parks are museums, they can be exciting centers for learning, thinking, and interacting with history. I have just accepted a position at the National Mall and Memorial Parks in Washington, DC this summer and recommend anthropology and the National Park Service as ways to find opportunities for travel and work in interesting places."