Anthropology

How to use the map
This map is designed to give you information about your chosen major that will help keep you on track for graduation within 4 years. The introductory sections will help orient you to the “big picture” ideas like the topics and areas of interest inside your major, the kinds of courses you will take, university policies including admissions, and other general topics. The chart on the second page will help you to develop a productive plan to make the most of your 4 years at East Carolina University and prepare yourself for the job market after graduation.

Remember, it is important that you diversify your experiences, both for success in your degree program and for success outside of school. While coursework is critically important, it should not be your only focus. The chart below will show you how to incorporate other kinds of experiences that will expand your knowledge of your chosen field and make you a more desirable job candidate. The map is only a guideline. Remember to speak with your advisor often to learn about new opportunities, clarify concerns, and develop a plan that is right for you.

WHAT CAN I LEARN?
Described as the most humanistic of the social sciences and the most scientific of the humanities, anthropology is unique among academic disciplines in its attention to the entire human condition and its holistic approach to the study of human life. Anthropologists apply the knowledge gained from this perspective to try to solve current domestic and world problems.

During the course of your Anthropology major, you can learn:
• How to be a global citizen in a rapidly changing and multicultural world;
• Concepts and theories essential to social science research including expertise in, ethnographic methods and survey research; qualitative and statistical data analysis, archaeological excavation techniques and skeletal analysis, and artifact conservation and analysis;
• Ways to apply anthropological insights to help solve real-world problems at the community, national, and global levels;
• Recognition the interrelationship between human biology, culture, the natural environment, historical context, and political economy;
• An understanding of the diversity of human cultures and the principles anthropologists emphasize for studying them;
• Effective methods for communicating anthropological knowledge through written, oral, and visual presentations in varying formats for diverse audiences.

DEGREE OPTIONS
The Anthropology Department offers only one degree option: the Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology. Within this degree, you may choose to focus on Archaeology, Biological Anthropology, or Cultural Anthropology. Archaeologists investigate the past to discover how human groups lived hundreds or thousands of years ago and what was important to them. Biological anthropologists analyze our biological bodies and genetics, as well as our bones, diet, and health. They also compare humans with other animals (most often, other primates like monkeys and chimpanzees) to see what we have in common with them and what makes us unique. Cultural anthropologists examine the different ways people think and behave across contemporary cultures and explore multicultural diversity within complex societies.

About the Concentration
Have you ever pictured yourself analyzing forensic remains at a crime scene, helping deliver aid to the victims of a disaster in another country, excavating the remains of a prehistoric village, helping a sports brand design a more effective marketing campaign? Do you want to stand out from the crowd and live a more exciting life? If so, then anthropology may be the degree for you!

Anthropology is the study of what makes us human: Who are we? Where did we come from? Why do we behave in the ways that we do? Where are we going? Within this field, you can choose to focus on Archaeology, Biological Anthropology, or Cultural Anthropology.

Questions?
East Carolina University offers an array of support to help you grow and learn from your first day of orientation until your graduation. New Student Orientation, Pirate to Pirate Mentoring, the University Writing Center, and the Career Center are only a few of the services and centers available to assist you throughout your time on campus.

Workplace Success

What employers want
With your Anthropology major, you will pursue a career that requires specific skills and experiences. These might include:
1. Research, excavation, and conservation practices that are ethically sound and culturally sensitive;
2. The ability to write grants and reports related to your field of study;
3. Data collection and analysis techniques specific to your area of interest;
4. Project management;
5. The ability to work with diverse populations in multicultural settings;
6. Teamwork and conflict resolution skills.

As a college student, you are now expected to take ownership of your skill development. Take the time to think about the unique skills and experiences you have or would like to gain at East Carolina University. Seek out opportunities to expand your learning outside the classroom.

Admissions info
You can apply to the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website at www.ecu.edu/admissions. To be considered for admission, freshmen applicants will submit their high school transcript and standardized test scores. Transfer applicants will submit official transcripts from all previously attended institutions. Application deadlines and specific admissions requirements for freshmen and transfer applicants are listed on the website.

Course highlights
The major offers a number of exciting courses. Some of these include:
• ANTH 1001: Aliens, Atlantis, and Archaeology.
• ANTH 3099: Motherhood of God in Asian Traditions.
• ANTH 3017: Cultures of Mexico in Asian Traditions.
• ANTH 3026: Forensic Anthropology.
• ANTH 3118: Pyramids, Pharaohs and Mummies.
• ANTH 3252: Medical Anthropology.

Students also choose a methods course in their area of interest. These methods courses help you gain practical experience in practicing Anthropological Science using sound methods. These courses include:
• ANTH 3650: Ethnographic Methods, which involves a project conducting research with people on campus or in the community;
• ANTH 3077: Archaeological Methods, which involves learning how to carry out an excavation;
• ANTH 4400/4401: Human Skeletal Analysis, which involves identifying human skeletal remains.

All students also take ANTH 4025: Anthropological Theory in the final semester and learn about the history of anthropology while also role-playing a famous anthropologist.
**Anthropology MAJOR MAP**

**THE COURSES YOU NEED**
- **FIRST YEAR**
  - Begin working on General Education requirements and foreign language courses. Also, register for ANTH 2000: Archaeology around the World, ANTH 1516: Introduction to Biological Anthropology with Lab, and either ANTH 2010: Advocates around the World, or ANTH 2020: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology.

- **SECOND YEAR**
  - Continue foreign language study at 2003 and 2004 levels. Also continue to work on your General Education requirements and begin taking Anthropology electives above 2999.

- **THIRD YEAR**
  - In the fall semester, take Anthropology electives and courses in your minor. In the spring, register for ANTH 3050: Ethnographic Methods, ANTH 3099: Archaeological Methods, or ANTH 4400/4401: Human Skeletal Analysis with Lab.

- **FOURTH YEAR**
  - Complete any remaining Anthropology electives and courses in your minor. In the spring, register for ANTH 4025, the required Writing Intensive course for the major in Anthropological Theory.

**GAIN RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**
- **FIRST YEAR**
  - Explore your major and career options in consultation with your advisor. By the end of your first year, you should have developed plans to complete specific internships, develop the experience necessary for the kind of employment you want, or begin to identify potential graduate schools.
  - Volunteering is a great way to get experience in your field. Build your résumé, test your interest in working with diverse populations, and meet people with similar interests. The department offers volunteer positions in its biological and archaeology labs, or you can volunteer to work in the Queen Anne's Revenge lab.

- **SECOND YEAR**
  - Consider joining clubs like the Anthropology Student Organization, the first Timmi Global Health, Asian Student Association, or Native American Student Organization. Also participate in "Anthropology after Dark," an annual event that showcases department activities and student projects.

- **THIRD YEAR**
  - Look for emails from the department to learn about upcoming events, like conferences and career development opportunities within the community. Also, contact community partners using the On-courses directory. To build your professional network, join a professional organization like the American Anthropological Association, or the Society for American Anthropology.

- **FOURTH YEAR**
  - Connect with the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement to find opportunities within the community. You can also contact community partners using the On-courses directory. To build your professional network, join a professional organization like the American Anthropological Association, or the Society for American Anthropology.

**COMMUNITY CONNECTION**
- **FIRST YEAR**
  - Consider taking ANTH 1050: Global Understanding, or one of the courses focusing on cultures of Africa, Asia, Mexico and Guatemala, South America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, or the South Pacific. Also apply for a study abroad program in Peru, Bali, or Indonesia.

- **SECOND YEAR**
  - Meet with your Career Counselor to explore your career goals and develop your resume. Attend a career fair and other employer-related career events to network with potential employers. Determine if graduate or other continuing education will be necessary and work on a plan to bolster your applications.

- **THIRD YEAR**
  - Develop your LinkedIn profile. Meet with your Career Counselor to discuss post-graduation plans. If needed, research graduate schools and program requirements. Continue to attend career fairs and other employer-related career events during the spring. Take the department course in career preparation.

- **FOURTH YEAR**
  - Work with the Office of Global Affairs and the Career Center to learn how to leverage your study abroad experience to improve your job placement possibilities. Complete your program by incorporating more internationally themed courses.

**THINK GLOBALLY**
- **FIRST YEAR**
  - Focus on your required foreign language courses to bolster your cultural competency. Also, begin plans to participate in a summer study abroad or semester exchange program. Consider pursuing a department certificate in cultural resource management or global cross-cultural competency.

- **SECOND YEAR**
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**APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS EACH YEAR**
- **FIRST YEAR**
  - Apply for scholarships.

- **SECOND YEAR**
  - Apply for scholarships.

- **THIRD YEAR**
  - Apply for scholarships.

- **FOURTH YEAR**
  - Apply for scholarships.

**CONSIDER AN INTERNSHIP**
- **FIRST YEAR**
  - Visit Career Services to learn about upcoming events, like conferences and career development opportunities within the community. Also, contact community partners using the On-courses directory. To build your professional network, join a professional organization like the American Anthropological Association, or the Society for American Anthropology.

- **SECOND YEAR**
  - Connect with the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement to find opportunities within the community. You can also contact community partners using the On-courses directory. To build your professional network, join a professional organization like the American Anthropological Association, or the Society for American Anthropology.

- **THIRD YEAR**
  - Complete your study abroad program. If you have not done so already, join a student organization with an international focus, like Timmi Global Health, or the International Student Organization.

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**CAREER PREPAREDNESS**
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**POST-GRAD OPTIONS**
- **FIRST YEAR**
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- **SECOND YEAR**
  - Meet with your Career Counselor to explore your career goals and develop your resume. Attend a career fair and other employer-related career events to network with potential employers. Determine if graduate or other continuing education will be necessary and work on a plan to bolster your applications.

- **THIRD YEAR**
  - Develop your LinkedIn profile. Meet with your Career Counselor to discuss post-graduation plans. If needed, research graduate schools and program requirements. Continue to attend career fairs and other employer-related career events during the spring. Take the department course in career preparation.

- **FOURTH YEAR**
  - Meet with your Career Counselor to discuss post-graduation plans into action. Refine your resume, LinkedIn profile, graduate school application (if necessary), and interview preparations. Complete the Pirate Employment Survey.

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- For more information and an interactive map PDF, visit: ecu.edu/cs-cas/anth