

Anthropology

MAJOR MAP

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.



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.

THOMAS HARRIOT COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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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 3009: Motherhood of God in Asian Traditions;
- ANTH 3017: Cultures of Mexico and Guatemala;
- 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 3050: 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.

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.

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 employ for studying them;
- Effective methods for communicating anthropological knowledge through written, oral, and visual presentations in varying formats for diverse audiences.



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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. 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.

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, depending on your personal interests and career goals.

To earn a BA in Anthropology, you must complete course work within the major in addition to meeting additional requirements. Your total degree work will include:

- Completing all General Education requirements
- 12 semester hours of the same foreign language
- 16-17 semester hours of core Anthropology courses
- 15 semester hours of Anthropology electives
- 18 semester hours in a minor field or completion of a second major
- A minimum of 120 total semester hours

FIRST YEAR >>>

SECOND YEAR >>>

THIRD YEAR >>>

FOURTH YEAR >>>

POST-GRAD OPTIONS

THE COURSES YOU NEED

Begin working on General Education requirements and foreign language courses. Also, register for ANTH 2000: Archaeology around the World, ANTH 2015/16: Introduction to Biological Anthropology with Lab, and either ANTH 2010: Societies around the World, or ANTH 2200: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology.

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.

In the fall semester, take Anthropology electives and courses in your minor. In the spring, register for ANTH 3050: Ethnographic Methods, ANTH3099: Archaeological Methods, or ANTH 4400/4401: Human Skeletal Analysis with Lab.

Complete any remaining Anthropology electives or courses in your minor. In the spring, register for ANTH: 4025, the required Writing Intensive course for the major in Anthropological Theory.

Students who graduate with a degree in Anthropology have a variety of career options. Some of these include:

- Graduate school in anthropology
- State archaeologist
- Refugee services coordinator
- Autopsy assistant
- Museum curator
- Medical librarian
- Ethnographic film producer
- Field archaeologist
- Forensic analyst
- Primate facilities manager
- Archivist
- Human rights attorney
- Environmental educator
- Market researcher
- Equity and diversity officer
- Clinical trials research coordinator

GAIN RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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.

Expand your volunteer work by offering to assist with faculty research projects or special events within the department. Also, take advantage of opportunities to earn course credit by participating in internships that are arranged to suit individual student needs. You can also apply for individual research funds through the department.

Visit [Career Services](#) to make post-graduation plans that include employment or graduate school. Investigate job-related skills and identify gaps in your résumé so that you can address those deficiencies before graduation. Use the [Occupation Outlook Handbook](#) to identify common skills in your career of interest.

VISIT US ONLINE

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

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Consider joining clubs like the [Anthropology Student Organization](#), [She's 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.

Look for emails from the department to learn about upcoming events, like conferences and career development fairs, that can help you form professional networks and keep up with current research in your field of interest.

Connect with the [Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement](#) to find opportunities within the community. You can also contact community partners using the [Orgsync](#) directory. To build your professional network, join a professional organization like the [American Anthropological Association](#) or the [Society for American Archaeology](#).

Submit a proposal to present a research paper at [ECU's Research and Creative Activity Week](#). Also look into regional and national conferences like [The Society for Applied Anthropology](#), the [Southern Anthropological Society](#), the [Southeast Archaeological Conference](#), and the [Mid-Atlantic Biological Anthropology Interest Group](#).

THINK GLOBALLY

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.

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.

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](#).

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.

CAREER PREPAREDNESS

Visit [Career Services](#) to learn about their resources. Check out the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) and [Virtual Job Shadow](#) to explore potential careers. Log-in to [Handshake](#) to update your profile, check out career events, and begin to explore potential employers and job opportunities and any further education that may be necessary.

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.

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.

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



APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS EACH YEAR

CONSIDER AN INTERNSHIP