

About Us

Anthropology studies human biological and cultural diversity through time and space and the interplay between culture and biology. It encompasses our closest relatives and the human experience from our earliest known bipedal ancestors to the modern world, from the smallest human groups to empires and multinational corporations.

The PSU Anthropology Department supports three of Anthropology's traditional subdisciplines: **Sociocultural Anthropology**, **Archaeology** and **Biological Anthropology**. We offer the BA, BS and minor in Anthropology (with over 250 majors), and the MA and MS in Anthropology (28 students currently).

Our department is committed to research and scholarship in "Applied Anthropology" – where anthropological scholarly products address "real world" problems; and knowledge is returned to the peoples and places where the research is conducted. Our work contributes to public policy and answering questions about significant cultural, social, and environmental issues.

Undergraduate Students

An anthropology major must meet the department's minimum requirements of 52 credit hours, including courses in biological anthropology, archaeology, sociocultural anthropology and electives. Second-year proficiency in a foreign language and a linguistics course is required for the BA. Statistics is required for the BS.

Graduate Students

The Anthropology graduate program is designed to give the student a graduate level of competence in general anthropology, including archaeology and physical and social-cultural anthropology. Students have the option of choosing either the thesis track or the applied/policy track to pursue a special interest in one of the subfields. The applied track prepares students for professional employment related to applied anthropology, and the thesis track requires students to prepare a thesis in an area of special interest.



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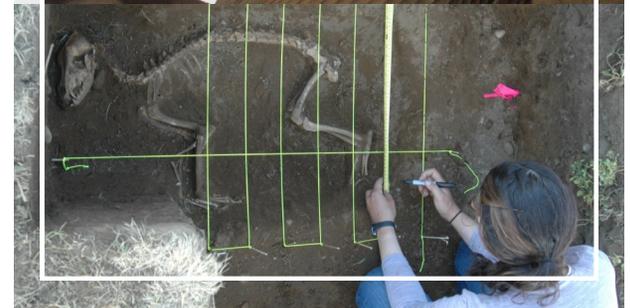
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Teaching & Mentoring

Our curriculum includes over 60 courses for majors, graduate students, and other PSU students who want to learn more about the field. Our courses address a huge range in topics and emphasize writing, critical thinking, research methods and ethics. We host lecture-type classes, on-line courses, small seminar-discussion classes, ethnographic field methods, lab-based classes (zooarchaeology, artifact/feature analysis, human osteology, paleoanthropology) and field based courses, such as the Fort Vancouver Archaeological Field School and the Primatology Field School at the Myakka City Lemur Reserve in western Florida.

Internships

The Anthropology Department offers students the opportunity to complete internships with a variety of private and public institutions in the community and region. In addition, many Anthropology courses involve community-based learning and serve as classroom internships.

Jobs

Anthropology students take a number of paths upon graduation. Our program has had great success placing students in a range of settings: government agencies (U.S. Department of Transportation, National Park Service, Oregon State Police, Peace Corps), private corporations (Intel, ICF-International), non-governmental organizations, and others (Oregon Health Sciences University).



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