Majoring in Anthropology: A Guide

Learn the path to graduation, job opportunities for anthropology majors and minors, and the courses, professors and hands-on learning experiences that await you.

Anthropology Program
Eastern Kentucky University
2019-2020
Welcome Student!

Thank you for your interest in Eastern Kentucky University’s Anthropology Program.

Anthropology takes a cross-cultural and deep-time perspective of humans. We examine human biological and cultural diversity, and its interaction with the environment. The sub-fields of anthropology that investigate this vast human diversity in both the past and present, are:

- archaeology
- cultural anthropology
- biological anthropology
- linguistic anthropology

The anthropology program at EKU offers a student-centered, high-quality, undergraduate degree with exposure to archaeology, biological anthropology and cultural anthropology.

Anthropology is also a discipline that touches just about everything workforce-related. In the last five years, we have had students advance to professional schools (medicine, public health, law, and nursing), and graduate programs (Anthropology, Sociology, Museum Studies, Organizational Psychology, Historic Preservation, Public Administration). Many majors go into contract archaeology, the zoo and conservation communities, health, and nutrition work; many others go into the business world, and some pursue education and museum work. Other majors are applying their GIS and data training. What students do with their education is as diverse as the students themselves. We want our students to be highly prepared to compete with anyone, no matter what their interests and career paths.

EKU Anthropology is devoted to helping develop and improve student skills. Our students take field schools in archaeology and primatology. Students experience culture in education abroad opportunities (in Spain, Denmark, Peru, and Madagascar) and in local communities. They apply what they learn in the classroom to the world around them. These approaches have high impacts on student learning.

In this guide, you will find information about:

- Requirements for the BA Major in Anthropology
- Requirements for the Minors in Anthropology and Archaeology
- Descriptions of our courses
- Opportunities to participate in study abroad, archaeology and primate field schools, and applied anthropology research.
- Anthropology Club

To learn more about EKU Anthropology, please contact me directly at Benjamin.Freed@eku.edu or 859-622-4387. Also check https://anthropology.eku.edu. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

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The Path to Majoring in Anthropology

Major Requirements: 33 hours (120 Total hours)

REQUIRED COURSES:
ANT 120: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (fulfills General Education Element 5b)
ANT 200: Archaeology and Human Culture (fulfills General Education Element 5a)
ANT 201: Introduction to Biological Anthropology (fulfills General Education Element 4)
ANT 330: American Indians (fulfills General Education Element 6)
ANT 351W: Archaeology: Writing Intensive
ANT 395: History and Theory of Anthropology

AND at least one course from each of the following three categories (18 hours total):

ARCHAEOLOGY
ANT 321: Historical Archaeology
ANT 341: North American Archaeology
ANT 357: Archaeology and the Law
ANT 360: Mesoamerica before Cortez
ANT 439: Practicum in Archaeology
ANT 470: Field Methods in Archaeology
ANT 471: Archaeological Materials Analysis
ANT 355: Selected Topics in Archaeology

CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY
ANT 311: Anthropology of Religion
ANT 344: Applied Anthropology
ANT 377: Medical Anthropology
ANT 393: Kinship and Marriage
ANT 375: Selected Topics in Cultural Anthropology, Food & Culture

BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY
ANT 306: Human Evolution
ANT 308: Quantitative Methods in Anthropology
ANT 370: Primate Conservation
ANT 371: Primate Ecology and Sociality
ANT 380: Forensic Anthropology
ANT 385: Human Osteology
ANT 365: Selected Topics in Biological Anthropology

Professors Ben Freed and Jon Endonino celebrate with 2018 graduates.
The Path to Minoring in Archaeology

REQUIRED COURSES
ANT 200  Archaeology and Human Culture
ANT 351W  Archaeology Writing Intensive

And 12 hours of upper division archaeology electives
ANT 321  Historical Archaeology
ANT 341  North American Archaeology
ANT 357  Archaeology and the Law
ANT 360  Mesoamerica before Cortez
ANT 439  Practicum in Archaeology
ANT 470  Field Methods in Archaeology
ANT 471  Archaeological Materials Analysis
ANT 355  Selected Topics in Archaeology

The Path to Minoring in Anthropology

REQUIRED COURSES
ANT 120  Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
ANT 200  Archaeology and Human Culture
ANT 201  Introduction to Biological Anthropology

And one upper division course in each of the following:

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Careers in Anthropology

What skills can you learn?

As an anthropology major, you will learn to…

✓ Communicate effectively
✓ Problem solve
✓ Analyze qualitative and quantitative data
✓ Work across cultures
✓ Understand human diversity
✓ Recognize and appreciate difference
✓ Work with ambiguity

✓ Cultivate your own and other’s curiosity
✓ Collect and understand large amounts of information
✓ Think through complex systems
✓ Interview research participants
✓ Observe ethnographic settings
✓ Take field notes
✓ Analyze and summarize findings

What career paths can you follow?

At the national level, anthropology graduates tend to find employment as educators, managers, doctors, and lawyers, and many other fields.

Within the field of anthropology, graduates go on to be survey researchers, archivists, curators, and museum technicians, librarians, social and community service managers, as well as technicians at archaeology sites and labs in cultural resource management.

Some graduates also go on to work for private business as designers and ethnographers with corporations who recognize our ability to do market research beyond statistical and survey methods.

Here are some of the titles graduates use to describe their employment:

- Education/Outreach
- Cultural Resource Management
- Historic Preservation
- Museum Curation and Project Design
- Community Development
- Advocacy for Human Rights
- Design
- International Development
- Forensics
- Management
- Evaluation/Assessment
- Health
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Tourism/Heritage

Anthropology Club

Are you looking for opportunities to build new friendships or develop leadership and outreach skills?

Join the Society of Student Anthropologists to participate in our Coffee Meet-Ups and our Student Lecture Series.

Pictured: Our President and Treasurer update our public message board in Roark 111.

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https://www.facebook.com/AnthroClubEKU/

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Our anthropology program entered into an agreement with the U.S. Forest Service in 2016 to conduct archaeology field schools in the Daniel Boone National Forest for the next five years.

Students enrolled in the Archaeology Field School participate in these investigations.

Dr. Endonino, who runs the field school, states, “We are assisting the Forest Service in its mission of managing and protecting our nation’s history and conducting the first systematic, scientific investigations at these sites. By collecting and documenting valuable information from these irreplaceable and endangered sites before it is lost forever, this work serves both the learning objectives of our students and EKU’s regional stewardship mission while simultaneously assisting the Forest Service in the documentation and management of historical properties within the forest. It’s a win-win for everybody involved.”

The Primate Field School is a hands-on study of free-ranging nonhuman primate ecology and social organization in a field setting.

In Winter Term 2019 students in ANT 365 will observe primates at the Lemur Conservation Foundation (LCF), Myakka City, Florida. Lemurs live in a naturalistic habitat where they travel, forage, and interact socially, much as they would in their native habitat. Students will become part of the team who study this population, in an on-going multidisciplinary research project.

The course is specialized, and geared towards students who are interested in primatology, or who are interested in exploring the methods and theories of this aspect of anthropology. For Anthropology majors, the course will help show how this branch of physical anthropology relates to Anthropology program course offerings in physical anthropology, kinship, and hunter-gatherer studies. The course also relates to material in ethology, ecology, and species-oriented courses in Animal Studies and Biological Sciences.
**Study Abroad**

We strongly encourage all of our anthropology majors to partake in one of our anthropology-faculty led Study Abroad opportunities. Education Abroad is a high impact practice because it provides a chance to explore distant places that many only read about, and also to push beyond one’s comfort zone. Such opportunities offer space for personal reflection, as well as directing one’s own learning through student-led projects such as “Ancient Rome and Me.”

Lately, Dr. Carman has been taking students to Peru (Archaeology of the Ancient Andean World), to Barcelona (Archaeology of Rome in Spain) and to Scandinavia (Viking Archaeology).

**Applied Anthropology Research**

In our upper level cultural anthropology courses, we encourage students to pursue independent ethnographic research as part of their coursework. In applied anthropology, students have conducted service learning projects with the public library, Colonel’s Cupboard Food Pantry, YMCA, churches and other local non-profits.

These projects can be further developed into directed studies, where students pursue their topic of interest under the supervision of one of our faculty members for course credit. To get experience with ethnographic research, consider taking Applied Anthropology (ANT 344) and Medical Anthropology (ANT 377).

We also encourage students to work with our faculty members on their research topics. For example, students are assisting Dr. Green with her study on the impact food insecurity has on students at EKU.
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<td>Introduction to Cultural Anthropology</td>
<td>Explanation of culture and related concepts. Development of generalizations concerning social, economic, political, and ritual organization, based chiefly on comparative study of various societies. Includes a brief survey of linguistics. <em>Gen. Ed. VB, VC, or VII (SBS).</em></td>
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<td>ANT 200</td>
<td>Archaeology and Human Culture</td>
<td>Study of the evolution of human societies through time and over space. The course focuses on hunter-gatherer, horticultural, agrarian and industrial societies, and their change through time. <em>Gen. Ed. VA, VC, or VII (SBS).</em></td>
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<td>Introduction to Biological Anthropology</td>
<td>General survey of the human biological species and its evolution, emphasizing the study of genetics, osteology, primate behavior and biology, fossil populations, and contemporary human biological variation. <em>Gen. Ed. E-4.</em></td>
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<td>A detailed analysis of primate and human physical development emphasizing the fossil evidence of humankind’s evolution.</td>
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<td>Historical Archaeology</td>
<td>This course provides an introduction to the material culture of North America’s recent past. Lecture is combined with hands-on exercises using historic artifacts and documentary sources.</td>
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<td>ANT 330</td>
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<td>Explores the cultural diversity of American Indians by examining their historical and contemporary lives. Focus on cultural similarities and differences of American Indian groups living in ecologically diverse areas. Gen Ed Element 6.</td>
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<td>A basic but comprehensive introduction to Native American archaeology from the earliest evidence through European Contact.</td>
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<td>Applied Anthropology</td>
<td>Comprehensive survey of applied anthropology theories, methods, and approaches. Based on extensive cross-cultural case materials, examines the historical, current, and potential applications of anthropological perspectives to social problems.</td>
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<td>A comprehensive introduction to archaeological goals, methods, practice and challenges. Data-based problem solving, critical thinking and writing are integral components of this course.</td>
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<td>ANT 357</td>
<td>Archaeology and the Law</td>
<td>Survey of Federal legislation for the management of cultural resources, and the repatriation of human remains and other materials to descendant Native American tribes. Global heritage issues also addressed.</td>
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<td>ANT 360</td>
<td>Mesoamerica Before Cortez</td>
<td>The study of archaeological past, the colonial experience, and the contemporary reality of the Indians of Mesoamerica, focusing primarily on the ancient Maya.</td>
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<td>ANT 370</td>
<td>Primate Conservation</td>
<td>The local human and biological impact of conservation programs affecting primate communities throughout the world. Topics include forest fragmentation, historical perspectives on conservation, agroforestry, ecotourism, ethnography, and disease.</td>
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<td>ANT 371</td>
<td>Primate Ecology and Sociality</td>
<td>Ecological relationships within primate communities. Students examine primate social structure, habitat use, diet, locomotion, seasonality, plant-primate interactions, and predator-prey relationships.</td>
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<td>Medical Anthropology</td>
<td>Exploration of health, healthcare, and healing cross-culturally. Through medical anthropology theory and methods, apply critical perspectives to the health status of populations, the distribution of health in societies, and health outcomes.</td>
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<td>ANT 380</td>
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<td>Forensic osteology and dentistry; including demographic methods, pathology, and practical methods of collecting human physical evidence; and the role of the expert witness.</td>
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<td>ANT 385</td>
<td>Human Osteology</td>
<td>Analysis of individual skeletal remains, focusing on functional anatomy and bone physiology, disease and injury, and nutrition. Includes introductions to bioarchaeology, forensic anthropology, and biocultural reconstruction.</td>
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<td>ANT 395</td>
<td>History and Theory of Anthropology</td>
<td>A capstone investigation of past and present practices and theories used to interpret data from each of anthropology’s four subdisciplines. Professionalism in anthropology also integrated.</td>
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<td>ANT 439</td>
<td>Practicum in Archaeology</td>
<td>This course pairs senior anthropology majors with professional archaeologists for on-the-job training. Practicum options may include federal and state governments, private archaeological consultants, and anthropology museums.</td>
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<td>Field Methods in Archaeology</td>
<td>A hands-on study of archaeological field methods including excavation techniques as well as some laboratory analysis of archaeological remains.</td>
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<td>ANT 471</td>
<td>Archaeological Materials Analysis</td>
<td>Familiarizes students with processing, analysis, and interpretation of archaeological materials. This course has a laboratory component where students will work with archaeological materials.</td>
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<td>ANT 490</td>
<td>Independent Study</td>
<td>Interested in an independent study on a topic of your own and your professor’s interest? Consider asking one of the Anthro faculty to do a Directed or Independent Study.</td>
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Who We Are

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Selected Publications

❖ The Quarry Cluster Approach to Chert Provenance: A Review of the Method with Examples from Early Florida Sites
❖ Examining Orange Period Vessel Forming Methods Through Experiment and Radiography: Implications for Chronology, Technology, and Function.
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Interests: Physical Anthropology ♦ Primate Ecology ♦ Conservation ♦ Human Evolution ♦ Primate Evolution ♦ Science Education ♦ Lemurs ♦ Madagascar ♦ Quantitative Methods

Selected Publications

❖ Primates of the edge: An ethnoprimatological study of human and wildlife interaction bordering a Malagasy National Park
❖ Polyspecific associations of crowned lemurs and Sanford’s lemurs in Madagascar

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Interests: Cultural anthropology; applied anthropology; environmental anthropology; anthropology of food; food activism; Indigenous sovereignty; Sámi and Circumpolar peoples; Sweden, Europe; food, farming and sustainability in U.S. higher ed.

Selected Publications

❖ Indigenous Reflexivity and Resistance in Global Food Activism: The Case of Sápmi
❖ Reindeer Fat and the Taste of Place in Sámi Food Activism
❖ Food for thought: How would an anthropologist study student food insecurity?”
❖ Food not Mines? Questions Regarding Sweden’s National Mining and Food Policies and Sámi Rights

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