

## What is Anthropology?

Anthropology is the study of human beings—past, present, and around the world. It covers human origins and evolution, past societies, and the diverse cultural practices and languages of living groups. By exploring human nature, and by trying to understand people as they live and develop in different social, cultural, and ecological settings, we also become more thoughtful about our own society and lifestyles. Anthropologists play a leading role in inquiries into human nature and influence discussions of ethnicity, gender, inequality, popular culture, and the effects of the global economy and mass culture. The program's goal is to provide instruction and support to undergraduates to enable them to think critically about society and culture and to utilize the training in their working lives.

## What are the major requirements?

Go to [www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html](http://www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html) and select “undergraduate majors.”

## How do I declare an Anthropology major?

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with someone from the department: an adviser, a professor, or a teaching assistant, to learn more about the major and its requirements.
2. When you decide upon an Anthropology major, meet with the Anthropology adviser to complete a Major Program form.
3. Bring a copy of the form to your CLA student community.
4. If you decide to change your major, contact your CLA student community for more information on the new major's declaration process.

## What can I do with a major in Anthropology?

### Skills

Anthropology majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers.

These skills include:

- An appreciation of cultures and peoples from around the world
- Analytical and critical thinking skills
- Ability to formulate clear and persuasive messages
- Listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills
- Ability to work well with diverse groups

### Employment

Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

- Education—teaching, research, administration
- Government—cultural resource management within state or federal agencies, legislative research, policy formulation, administration, various professional specializations (e.g., forensics, temporary field technician, etc.)

## For more information:

### About the Anthropology major:

Undergraduate Advising  
395 Humphrey Center  
(612) 625-3400  
<http://www.cla.umn.edu/anthropology/>  
[anthadv@umn.edu](mailto:anthadv@umn.edu)

### About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:

CLA Social Sciences Student Community  
575 Heller Hall  
(612) 626-7714  
<http://soecsci.class.umn.edu/>

### or

CLA Martin Luther King, Jr. Program  
19 Johnston Hall  
(612) 625-2300  
<http://www.class.umn.edu/mlk/mlk@class.cla.umn.edu>

### About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:

Career and Community Learning Center  
135 Johnston Hall  
(612) 624-7577  
[www.cclc.umn.edu/](http://www.cclc.umn.edu/)  
[cclc@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:cclc@class.cla.umn.edu)

### About graduation with honors:

CLA Honors Division  
20 Nicholson  
(612) 624-5522  
[www.honors.class.umn.edu/](http://www.honors.class.umn.edu/)  
[honors@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:honors@class.cla.umn.edu)

- Nonprofit—designer, manager and evaluator of programs, grant writing, fundraising, education outreach, administration
- Media—writing, editing, public relations, management
- Private sector—marketing, human resources, sales, consulting, management, cultural resource management, contract administration, various specializations within departments (e.g., zooarchaeology, pollen analysis, ceramic analysis, geophysical remote sensing, etc.)

Today's workplace requires individuals with interpersonal skills, the ability to communicate effectively, an ability to solve problems, and adaptability. CLA graduates find that they are well-prepared in all these areas and that their education—especially when combined with experience gained through internships, volunteer positions, past jobs, and other collegiate involvement—makes them competitive.

The **Career & Community Learning Center** provides students with the tools to identify and pursue potential careers. An extensive resource room, career courses and workshops, and a helpful staff are just some of the ways we can help.

## **Remember!**

You have not declared a major until you have:

- completed a Major Program form with your major adviser,
- filed a copy with the major department,
- and filed a copy with your CLA student community.

**Don't forget: keep a copy for yourself!**