

## **ANTHROPOLOGY/BIOLOGICAL**

### **Mission Statement**

*The Anthropology major provides a broad base of information about what makes humans unique: Culture. Culture is everything we learn and it is the basis for how we define the world. Anthropologists study all cultures, both living and dead, to gain an understanding of it as a human phenomenon. Throughout the curriculum, faculty will help students learn about and experience many different cultures as well as our own to facilitate their understanding about the complexity of culture. The very nature of Anthropology is multicultural and historical.*

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of the undergraduate specialization in Biological Anthropology, students will possess the skills and knowledge to:

#### **Content**

- Summarize and critically evaluate the key concepts and current theories in the following core content areas of Biological Anthropology:
  - evolutionary theory
  - human origins
  - modern human physical variation
  - primate evolution and behavior
  - human skeletal biology

#### **Critical Thinking**

- Define and identify research problems in biological anthropology
- Select and apply appropriate quantitative and qualitative analytical methods
- Draw reasonable conclusions from analytical results
- Critically evaluate and analyze anthropological literature in terms of methodology and validity of resulting conclusions

#### **Communication**

- Prepare written technical reports on research projects that employ clear and professional language and effectively communicate methods and results
- Employ PowerPoint technology to enhance oral communication of project results to general and professional audiences

## **Integrity/Values**

- Describe and adhere to principles of academic integrity
- Discuss key ethical concerns in field of biological anthropology, such as burial excavation, primate research, studies of indigenous peoples
- Practice professional ethical standards

## **Project Management**

- Assess time, labor, and other constraints on project completion
- Select appropriate methodology given established constraints
- Design and complete projects in timely manner
- Monitor progress and adjust methods as needed
- Work effectively as a member of project team

## **Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes**

Anthropology assessment practices include both direct and indirect measures of student learning outcomes. Direct assessment measures include building an individual portfolio for each Anthropology student that includes a resume, a research paper from each of the subdisciplines, a written product of the capstone experience, and a research paper or presentation addressing ethical and integrity issues. Indirect assessment practices include student evaluations of courses and the program, alumni surveys and interviews.

## **Job Prospects for Anthropology Majors**

Archaeologist	Researcher
Corporate Research	Corporate Product Development
Social Surveys	Archaeological Technician
Public Relations Analysis	Curator
Writer	Educator
Public Sector Administrator	Museum Administrator
Preservationist	Resource Developer
Forensic Scientist	Anthropologist

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