If you are interested in why people think and behave the
days they do, anthropology is a discipline you will find
intriguing and useful for your life. Anthropology focuses
on the holistic study of diverse peoples and cultures
with a central focus on what it means to be human. In
today’s globalizing and climate-imperiled world, learning
how to understand human societies in all their rich
diversity and earthly impacts is essential. Many of our
courses involve hands-on work in community settings
and in laboratory settings.

**Why UMD**

New and long-standing courses bring exciting
opportunities to our students, including digital
ethnography, world ethnography, visual anthropology,
business anthropology, legal anthropology, medical
anthropology, sustainability, the environment and
energy, equitable governance of shared resources, and
more. We also provide our majors with a Careers in
Anthropology course to help plan for post-college
careers. We offer internships, field schools and other
professionalization opportunities that provide immersive
learning. Our curriculum throughout emphasizes the
development and refinement of writing, communication,
and participatory media skills necessary in today’s
world.

**Acquired Skills**

Areas of knowledge and skills our program delivers:

- specific ethnographic areas such as Middle, Central
  and South America, the Middle East, Europe, North
  America (including U.S. culture), Africa.
- political, social, and environmental issues within the
  context of international and intranational diversity,
  framed within the Department’s overall unifying
  socially-relevant themes of inequality, identity, power,
  social change and development, and global
  multiculturalism.
- community engagement and participatory culture.
- major historical and contemporary theoretical
  perspectives.

**Career Possibilities**

Our graduates go on to a wide variety of fields. Some go
into education, some into business, some into nonprofit
work, some on to graduate or law school, and some into
the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps or government positions,
and into productive lives as articulate citizens in their
respective communities. As suggested below by the
diverse examples of the professional paths of past
graduates, our program prepares students with
essential skills of critical thinking, effective cultural
analysis, articulate oral and written communication,
proficient project management and creative problem
solving. Our Careers in Anthropology and Senior
Seminar courses focus directly on helping our students
to understand the professional opportunities available
to them as liberal arts graduates trained in a social
science that prepares them for a lifetime of learning and
career self-development.

**Scholarships**

Outstanding Student Award in Anthropology
Student Clubs

Anthropology Club

Graduate Report

Recent UMD Graduates Job Placement Data & Employers

Here's a sampling of positions Anthropology grads have attained six months to one year after graduation.

- Archaeology Field Technician - Duluth Archaeology Center, Duluth, MN
- Outdoor Education Instructor - Pali Institute, Running Springs, CA

For more data see the Anthropology Graduate Follow-Up Report.

For ideas about Anthropology and other majors visit Career & Internship Services.

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