

MAJOR TO CAREER GUIDE

Anthropology

College of Liberal Arts

Mission of the College of Liberal Arts

The College of Liberal Arts offers a rich variety of courses, majors and interdisciplinary programs in the humanities and the social sciences. Being well educated involves developing an array of intellectual skills, having the ability to use a variety of methodologies to understand our changing world, and having a broad base of diverse knowledge. Our courses and degree programs are designed to provide such a foundation and to create life-long learners who can adapt to the inevitably changing environments they will encounter.

Visit this site for more information:

<http://www.unlv.edu/liberalarts>

About the Anthropology Degree

The degree in anthropology is a balance of applied research and a broad-based academic curriculum, providing not only insights into the nature of humankind, but also the background necessary to find career opportunities wherever understanding of human beings and sensitivity to cultural differences are needed. The Anthropology Undergraduate Program places equal emphasis on the discipline's traditional fields – cultural anthropology, archaeology, and bio-physical anthropology, providing a solid foundation for further graduate training, or for careers in applied fields such as cultural resource management.

Undergraduate students are encouraged to participate in faculty research projects, which often lead to co-authorship of professional papers and presentations of papers at professional meetings.

Organizations Hiring Anthropology Majors

- Corporations of all sizes & industries
- Educational institutions (e.g., Universities & Colleges)
- Federal, state and local governmental agencies
- Non-government organizations (i.e., international health organizations)
- Nonprofit organizations

UNLV Academic Advising for Anthropology Majors

Academic Advisors meet with students about their academic goals and assist in constructing a plan for graduation. Advisors can also help students understand how their experiences at UNLV can lead to a career in their desired field.

College of Liberal Arts Wilson Advising Center

Phone: 702-895-1997

Campus Location: WRI B131

<http://liberalarts.unlv.edu/WAC/>

Anthropology Career Options

- Archeologist
- Archivist
- Author
- Criminologist
- Conservation Officer
- Consultant
- Cultural Affairs Director
- Foreign Service Officer
- Forensic Scientist
- Forest Service
- Geographer
- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Librarian
- Linguist
- Manager
- Military Officer
- Museum Curator
- Paleontologist
- Peace Corps Volunteer
- Regional Planner
- Researcher
- Surveyor
- Teacher

Honor Society in Anthropology

Lambda Alpha is the National Honor Society for Anthropology.

<http://anthro.unlv.edu>

Professional Associations in Anthropology

American Anthropological Association (AAA):

<http://aaanet.org>

Archeological Institute of America:

<http://archeological.org>

Society for American Archeology: <http://saa.org>

American Association of Physical Anthropologists:

<http://physanth.org>

Graduate Programs in Anthropology

The UNLV Anthropology Department offers several courses of study that lead to the Master of Arts and the Doctor of Philosophy degrees. Our program is explicitly cross-disciplinary and-- while students may choose to concentrate in a sub-discipline such as archaeology, cultural anthropology, or biological anthropology-- they are also encouraged to work with a variety of faculty members and to approach anthropology through a broad lens. Our faculty members are active field workers, with research programs in areas as diverse as Africa, Alaska, the American Southwest, China, Cyprus and Turkey. Students have opportunities to work with faculty in these geographical areas or, if they prefer, to develop research projects in other areas.

<http://antrho.unlv.edu>

Also visit the UNLV Graduate College website at:

<http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu>

Helpful Career Information

Employers rate candidate soft skills/qualities in order of importance

- 1 Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
- 2 Ability to work in a team structure
- 3 Ability to make decisions and solve problems
- 4 Ability to plan, organize and prioritize work
- 5 Ability to obtain and process information
- 6 Ability to analyze quantitative data
- 7 Technical knowledge related to the job
- 8 Proficiency with computer software programs
- 9 Ability to create and/or edit written reports
- 10 Ability to sell or influence others

Source: Job Outlook 2013

Courtesy of the National Association of Colleges and Employers

MEDIAN SALARIES BY DISCIPLINE 2010-2012

Salary range can depend on level of education

Career	Salary Range	Median Salary
Anthropologist & Archeologist	\$31,310 - \$89,440	\$54,230
Archivist	\$24,480 - \$80,550	\$42,500
Curator, Museum Technician, & Conservator	\$24,440 - \$86,450	\$42,310
Geographer	\$42,450 - \$102,440	\$72,800
Librarian	\$33,590 - \$83,510	\$54,500
Surveyor	\$23,450 - \$60,870	\$37,900

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13 Edition*, <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

Visit the Career Occupational Handbook to learn more about a specific occupation:

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

The OCH covers hundreds of occupations and describes: What They Do, Work Environment, How to Become One, Pay, and more. Each profile also includes BLS employment projections for the 2010-20 decade.

Career Exploration/Planning

FOCUS 2: UNLV's computerized assessment that profiles your interests, abilities, and values and helps you find a career that's right for you.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessment.html>

Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI): Assessment designed to identify how you are energized, how you take in information, how you make decisions, and how you approach life.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentMBTI.html>

Strong Interest Inventory: Generates an in-depth assessment of your interests among a broad range of occupations, work and leisure activities, and educational subjects.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentStrong.html>

UNLV Career Services

Career Services encourages ALL UNLV students to take advantage of their services, which include:

- Assistance with developing a career plan and choosing a major
- Career counseling and guidance on building a RESUME
- Preparing for an interview, assistance with job searching and networking.

Phone: 702-895-3495

Campus Location: SSC-A 2nd Floor

<http://hire.unlv.edu/>

Internship Opportunities

UNLV CareerLink is a free, online recruiting system that helps students, alumni, and employers connect in a variety of ways.

Students can use CareerLink to search for: job and internship listings, on-campus recruiting interviews, employers information sessions, resume book database, and dates for career fairs.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerlink.html>

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