

CAREER INFORMATION FOR ANTHROPOLOGY MAJORS

It is important to understand that employers hire people, not degrees. The skills and knowledge you develop as a result of your education, as well as in your work and community activities, have the greatest impact on hiring decisions. Listed below are some key skills and knowledge you will acquire as a result of your university education and your focus on Anthropology.

SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE SKILLS

- Knowledge and appreciation of the similarities and differences between societies and cultures
- Skills to study and understand societies and the ability to use this knowledge to successfully anticipate, prepare for and manage change
- An understanding of ways in which societies and cultures adapt to changes in their environment
- The ability to analyze and interpret the nature and cause of social and cultural problems and to apply this knowledge to current social and cultural issues
- The application of scientific method to cultural and historical inquiry and interpretation
- Skills to develop materials and presentations which communicate ideas in contexts which effectively address audiences from different backgrounds, cultures and societies
- The ability to study the impact of development on cultures and make relevant recommendations
- Awareness of and the ability to respond to the needs of individuals from different cultures

Regardless of your major, a university education enables you to develop a wide range of valuable 'transferable skills'. It is often because of these 'transferable skills' that employers seek university graduates.

VALUABLE TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

Information-gathering and Communication Skills

- The skills required to identify and access a wide range of relevant information and resources
- The ability to compile and organize facts and information and to comprehend and apply new and/or unfamiliar information to different situations and settings
- Skills in preparing interesting, creative and informative presentations which target diverse audiences
- The ability to develop effective reports, presentations and materials using current technology

Thinking, Planning and Organizational Skills

- The ability to learn, understand and interpret information and apply knowledge to new situations
- The ability to set priorities, meet deadlines and effectively plan/manage time, data and resources
- Problem-solving skills and the ability to make well-reasoned decisions, think creatively and search for, identify and consider all sides of an issue
- Skills to effectively analyze and interpret a wide range of information and data to discuss, support and/or reject ideas, opinions, reports, theories and proposals

Teamwork and Management Skills

- Skills enabling you to work effectively as part of a team by identifying your role and contributing, through leading, teaching, motivating and/or encouraging others, to the success of the team
- An understanding of how to successfully identify, plan and contribute to the goals of a project
- The ability to oversee, supervise and/or contribute to a project from beginning to end including determining outcomes, planning details, making decisions, assigning roles and completing tasks

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SOME CAREER OPTIONS FOR ANTHROPOLOGY MAJORS

- ✓ Cultural Resource Manager
- ✓ Heritage Assistant
- ✓ Archivist Assistant
- ✓ Community Exhibit Advisor
- ✓ Multiculturalism Educator
- ✓ Impact Assessment Officer
- ✓ Urban Planner
- ✓ Antique Dealer
- ✓ Archaeological Fieldworker
- ✓ Documentary Assistant
- ✓ Immigration Officer
- ✓ Commodities Broker
- ✓ Employment Interviewer
- ✓ Volunteer Co-ordinator
- ✓ Fundraiser/Events Planner
- ✓ Investigator
- ✓ Travel/Tour Guide Agent
- ✓ Policy Analyst/Researcher
- ✓ Linguist
- ✓ Genealogist
- ✓ Museum Technician
- ✓ Archaeological Technician
- ✓ Art Conservator/Technician
- ✓ Social Science Analyst
- ✓ Actuary/Insurance Agent
- ✓ Non-profit Manager
- ✓ Education Consultant
- ✓ Rural Development Officer
- ✓ Cultural Artifact Specialist
- ✓ International Development
- ✓ Public Relations
- ✓ International Marketing
- ✓ Epidemiologist
- ✓ Zoologist
- ✓ Public Administrator
- ✓ Educator/Teacher
- ✓ Project Developer
- ✓ Media Consultant
- ✓ Environmental Researcher
- ✓ Biographer/Novelist
- ✓ Foreign Service Officer
- ✓ International Visitors Consultant
- ✓ Community Development Officer
- ✓ Park Guide/Interpreter
- ✓ Community Services Analyst
- ✓ Research Assistant
- ✓ Investment Analyst
- ✓ Youth Worker
- ✓ Social Service Agency Planner
- ✓ Employment Equity Officer
- ✓ Documentary Editor/Producer
- ✓ Consumer Researcher
- ✓ Preservation/Restoration Assistant
- ✓ Librarian/Library Technician
- ✓ International Buyer/Merchandiser
- ✓ Community Program Co-ordinator
- ✓ Writer/Journalist/Editor
- ✓ Student/Academic Advisor
- ✓ Cultural Interpreter/Consultant
- ✓ Demographer

Potential Employers

- ✓ Historical Societies
- ✓ Market Research Firms
- ✓ Media Organizations
- ✓ Art Galleries
- ✓ Research Laboratories
- ✓ Parks and Historic Sites
- ✓ Production Companies
- ✓ Investigative Agencies
- ✓ Archives/Libraries/Museums
- ✓ International Development Agencies
- ✓ Refugee/Immigrant Organizations
- ✓ Community Centres and Services
- ✓ Cultural Resource Organizations
- ✓ Physical Anthropology Laboratories
- ✓ Urban Development Corporations
- ✓ Health Care Organizations
- ✓ International Businesses
- ✓ Government Departments
- ✓ Ethnic/Cultural Organizations
- ✓ Foreign Service Organizations
- ✓ Social Service Agencies
- ✓ Antique Collectible Shops
- ✓ Import/Export Businesses
- ✓ Regional Planning Offices

Websites

- ✓ Canadian Anthropology Society www.cas-sca.ca
- ✓ Society for Applied Anthropology www.sfaa.net/
- ✓ Anthropology Jobs www.anthrojob.com/
- ✓ The Heritage Canada Foundation www.heritagecanada.org/
- ✓ American Anthropological Association www.aaanet.org/careers.htm
- ✓ Society for American Anthropology www.saa.org/
- ✓ The Canadian Archaeology Association www.canadianarchaeology.com/
- ✓ Canadian Association for Physical Anthropology www.capa-acap.org
- ✓ Heritage Canada Links www.heritagecanada.org/eng/links/general.html
- ✓ Anthropology in the News www.tamu.edu/anthropology/news.html
- ✓ EarthWorks Jobs www.earthworks-jobs.com/
- ✓ Canadian Museum Associations www.museums.ca/
- ✓ The Appraisal Institute of Canada www.aicanada.ca/
- ✓ Bureau of Canadian Archivists www.bca.archives.ca/
- ✓ The Association of Canadian Archivists www.archivists.ca/home