

## WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR IN **ANTHROPOLOGY**

### OVERVIEW OF MAJOR

Concordia University offers both undergraduate and graduate programs in Anthropology. At the undergraduate level it offers a full range of programs including a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology. At the graduate level it offers a Master of/Magisteriate in Arts in Social and Cultural Anthropology and a Ph.D. in Social and Cultural Analysis which is a bidisciplinary sociology and anthropology program. For the latest information on programs as well as course descriptions, go to the Department of Sociology and Anthropology's web site at: <http://socioanth.concordia.ca>.

### EXAMPLES OF JOBS ACQUIRED BY CONCORDIA GRADUATES

The following job titles are representative of the types of entry-level positions for which Concordia University students are qualified for upon graduation. Note that the numbers following each job title refer to Canada's National Occupational Classification (NOC) code. For details on these titles go to <http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/>.

- Bilingual Client Care Representative
- Caseworker (4152)
- Community Organizer (4164)
- Cultural Artifact Specialist
- Curatorial Assistant (5212)
- Ecotourism Research Assistant
- Employment Counselor (4213)
- Ethnohistorian (4169)
- Ethnologist (4169)
- Image Analysis Assistant
- Information Officer (5124)
- Linguist (4169)
- Program Coordinator/Assistant
- Public Relations Specialist (5124)
- Research Associate (4164)
- Social Science Analyst (4169)
- Writer/Editor (5122)

## CELEBRATED ANTHROPOLOGY MAJORS

**Ruth Benedict.** Cultural Anthropologist

**Louis Leakey.** British/Kenyan Archaeologist and Anthropologist

**Margaret Mead.** Cultural Anthropologist

**Kathleen "Kathy" Reichs.** Forensic Anthropologist and Best-selling Crime Novelist

**Steve Riggio.** CEO and Vice Chairman of Barnes and Noble

**Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.** American Novelist

## MORE JOB TITLES

The study of anthropology lays down the foundation for many career paths in business, government, social service and healthcare sectors. These are all fields that require the investigative skills and knowledge of diverse groups that are developed by anthropology students. The titles below are not meant to be exhaustive but are representative of fields which anthropology majors pursue. Keep in mind that some occupations require further education (e.g., a higher degree, second degree, diploma). Note that the numbers following each job title refer to Canada's National Occupational Classification (NOC) code. For details on these titles go to <http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/>.

- Academic Advisor (4143)
- Advocate (4112)
- Anthropologist (4169)
- Antique Dealer (0621)
- Archaeologist (4169)
- Archivist (5113)
- Art Conservator (5112)
- Behavioral Science Advisor (4151)
- Biographer (5121)
- College Professor (4131)
- Community Development Consultant (4163)
- Consumer Researcher
- Coordinator of Refugee Services
- Coroner/Medical Examiner (4165)
- Cultural Resource Manager
- Employment Recruiter (1223)
- Exhibit Assistant (5243)
- Family Service Counselor (4153)
- Field Archaeologist
- Foreign Service Officer (4168)
- Forensic Anthropologist
- Foundation Program Manager
- Genealogist
- Immigration Inspector (1228)

- International Agency Representative
- Legislative Aide (1222)
- Librarian (5111)
- Linguistic Anthropologist (4169)
- Management Consultant (1122)
- Marketing Researcher (4163)
- Medical Anthropologist
- Multicultural Education Specialist / Director
- Museum Education Officer (5124)
- National/Provincial Park Interpreter (5212)
- Paleontologist (2113)
- Physical Anthropologist (4169)
- Preservation/Restoration Assistant
- Probation Officer (4155)
- Public Health Educator (4165)
- Rural Development Officer (4163)
- Scientific Linguist (4169)
- Social Service Program Planner (4164)
- Social/Cultural Anthropologist (4169)
- Social Survey Researcher (4164)
- Social Worker (4152)
- Teacher – ESL (4131, 4141, 4142)
- Technical Writer (5121)
- Travel Agent/Guide/Consultant (6431, 6441)
- University Professor (4121)
- Urban Anthropologist
- Urban Planner (2153)

## POTENTIAL WORK SETTINGS

The study of Anthropology opens doors to a variety of careers in business, research, teaching, advocacy and public service. To research specific employers who hire those in the field, there are many resources available in such locations as the Career Resource Centre, the Webster Library, Vanier Library and the Internet.

- Advertising Firms
- Art Galleries
- Civic Organizations
- Community Services
- Contract Archaeology Firms
- Correctional and Rehabilitation Services
- Educational Institutions
- Ethnic and Cultural Organizations
- Government (Federal, Provincial and Municipal)
- Hospitals
- International Development Agencies
- Libraries
- Management Consulting Firms

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- Marketing and Marketing Research Agencies
- Mental Health Institutions
- Museums
- Parks/Historic Sites
- Physical/Biological Anthropology Laboratories
- Placement/Employment Agencies
- Public Interest Groups
- Public Relations
- Publishing Companies
- Radio & TV Stations
- Religious Institutions
- Research Centres
- Retail Stores
- Social Service Organizations
- Travel and Tourism Agencies
- Women's Organizations

## SKILLS AND CHARACTERISTICS

The study of Anthropology develops a wide range of skills and knowledge that can be applied to many different jobs. Anthropology students are trained to be careful observers of human behaviour and know the value of detailed and accurate data collection. They are also critical thinkers with strong oral and written skills. In addition, students will find the following skills, interests, values and other characteristics valuable for succeeding in the field.

- Ability to Conduct Field Study
- Accuracy in Interpreting Behaviour
- Active Listening and Questioning
- Artifact Identification and Curation
- Critical Thinking
- Cultural Understanding
- Curiosity
- Excellent Health for Field Work
- Holistic Vision
- Insight Into Human and Social Behaviour
- Interviewing Skills
- Keen Observation
- Knowledge of Cultures
- Knowledge of Ethnic Groups
- Non-judgemental Approach
- Observing and Interpreting Data
- Problem Solving
- Research Skills
- Result Summarizing Skills
- Social Ease in Strange Situations

- Strong Cross-Cultural Awareness
- Team Work
- Understanding of Human Evolution

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION AND OTHER LINKS

Making wise career decisions requires exploring your field. A multitude of Internet sites and other resources will help you do this to the best of your ability. Professional association sites, in particular, are very useful for their career descriptions and job hunting tips. Moreover, these authoritative sites frequently provide links to Internet sites which announce job openings and list potential employers. A few recommended sites are included below.

### CANADIAN

#### **Canadian Anthropology Society**

<http://www.cas-sca.ca/>

Site provides information for those wishing to keep current with anthropological issues in Canada. Click on Anthropologica to access the official publication of the society and jobs for academic job vacancies.

#### **Canadian Association for Physical Anthropology**

<http://capa.fenali.net/>

Good site for those who want to explore either careers or academic programs in physical (biological) anthropology.

### INTERNATIONAL

#### **American Anthropological Association**

<http://www.aaanet.org>

This is a super site with a wealth of resources for both the student and professional alike. One can find information on job openings, careers, academic programs, internships, field schools, grants, awards, etc.

#### **Society for American Archaeology**

<http://www.saa.org/>

Students can find current job openings in archaeology, career information and academic programs.

#### **Society for Applied Anthropology**

<http://www.sfaa.net/>

Lots of information for those interested in pursuing a career in the field of Applied Anthropology including institutions offering graduate study in the field as well as student travel awards.

## **World Council of Anthropological Associations**

<http://www.wcaanet.org>

This is an organization whose primary objective is to promote the discipline of anthropology in an international context. It is a good source of events and news in the field as well as providing many useful links.

## **CREATE YOUR AMAZING CAREER – CAREER RESOURCE CENTRE TITLES**

For those who need more help with their career and educational planning, the Career Resource Centre (CRC) offers books, pamphlets, DVDs and recommended Internet sites. It is located in the Hall Building, H-440, at 1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West. The following titles are just a few of the titles available in the CRC.

- Academic Job Search Handbook
- Anthropology Career Resources Handbook
- Anthropology Graduate's Guide: From Student to Career
- Applied Anthropology: A Career-oriented Approach
- Careers in Anthropology: Panel Discussion. DVD Format
- Careers in Anthropology: What an Anthropology Degree Can Do For You
- Careers in Applied Anthropology in the 21st Century
- Designing an Anthropology Career
- Great Jobs for Anthropology Majors
- Handbook of Practicing Anthropology
- Mainstreaming Anthropology: Experiences in Government Employment
- Museums: A Place to Work
- Opportunities in Forensic Science Careers
- What Anthropologists Do