Jobs in Anthropology

Anthropology majors can look forward to careers in cultural resource management, heritage preservation, museum management, field research, tourism, advertising, journalism, the arts, forensic anthropology, non-profit organizations, government agencies, and mass media, as well as academic teaching and research. While many supervisory positions require a graduate degree, there are also opportunities for those with a bachelor’s degree.

Blackwater Draw

The Blackwater Locality No. 1 Site (located within Blackwater Draw near Portales) is one of the most well known and significant sites in North American archaeology. This unique site documents and interprets the earliest Paleoindian cultures in North America. The newly-renovated Blackwater Draw Museum is located on campus.

B.A./B.S. to M.A. Plan

Qualified students entering the ENMU anthropology program at the undergraduate level will be allowed to apply to the Graduate School during the last semester of the junior year to take a limited number of graduate courses for credit at the 500 level. This accelerated plan will allow students to complete both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in anthropology at ENMU in a shorter period of time.

Affordable Tuition

ENMU is consistently one of the most affordable options in New Mexico and across the Southwest. An affordable education is one way ENMU helps you be successful.

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What is Anthropology

Anthropology is the study of humanity, past and present. Anthropologists usually concentrate on one of four subfields: archaeology (the study of past cultures), biological anthropology (the study of human diversity and the evolution of the human family), cultural anthropology (the study of living humans and their culture), or linguistic anthropology (the study of the relationship between language and culture).

Anthropology at ENMU

Heavy emphasis is placed upon prehispanic Native American archaeological studies in the Plains and the Southwestern United States. The University's location provides a unique vantage point to study America's earliest cultures. Faculty members in the department are involved in qualitative and quantitative research covering many fields including archaeology, lithic technology, biological anthropology, ceramic analysis, cultural anthropology, Paleoindian studies, historic preservation, forensic anthropology, and cultural resource management.

The anthropology department recently moved into a brand new building on campus. The department's 9,000 square foot area includes dedicated labs for osteology, lithics, geoarchaeology, ceramics, curation, forensic anthropology, and imaging.

Degree Requirements

In addition to general education requirements, all Anthropology majors are required to complete 35-45 hours of Anthropology courses and 14-23 hours of courses in other areas, chosen for an emphasis in either Biological Anthropology, Archaeology, or Cultural Anthropology. No minor is required.

Biological Anthropology Emphasis (59-60 hours)
- ANTH 105 Introduction to Anthropology
- ANTH 125/L Survey of Forensic Science
- ANTH 247/L Biological Anthropology
- ANTH 255 Forensic Anthropology
- ANTH 310 Origins of Human Diversity
- ANTH 404 Human Osteology
- ANTH 410 Intro to GIS
- ANTH 411/L Skeletal Analysis
- ANTH 416/L Applied Microscopy
- BIOL 154/L General Biology I
- BIOL 209/L Anatomy and Physiology I
- ENG 305 Report Writing OR
- ENG 325 Pro/Technical Writing
- SOC 434 Social Research Methods OR
- STAT 213 Statistical Methods I

Plus 12 hours of anthropology electives.

Archaeology Emphasis (56-61 hours)
- ANTH 243 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 245/L Introduction to Archaeology
- ANTH 247/L Biological Anthropology
- ANTH 365 North American Prehistory
- ANTH 494 Analytic Techniques in Archaeology
- ANTH 495 Fundamentals of Archaeological Theory
- ENG 305 Report Writing OR
- ENG 325 Pro/Technical Writing
- SOC 434 Social Research Methods OR
- STAT 213 Statistical Methods I

Plus 18 hours of anthropology electives and four classes chosen from other specified areas.

Cultural Anthropology Emphasis (53-58 hours)
- ANTH 243 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 245/L Introduction to Archaeology
- ANTH 247/L Biological Anthropology
- ANTH 415 Ethnographic Methods
- ANTH 492 Anthropological Perspectives
- ENG 305 Report Writing OR
- ENG 325 Pro/Technical Writing
- SOC 434 Social Research Methods OR
- STAT 213 Statistical Methods I

Plus 18 hours of anthropology electives, one writing course, and five courses chosen from one of the following technical areas: Graphic Design, Environment and Conservation, or Cultural Studies.