## ANTHROPOLOGY/ARCHAEOLOGY

**What can I do with this degree?**

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<td><strong>EDUCATION</strong></td>
<td>Universities/colleges/community colleges</td>
<td>Ph.D. required for university and college faculty positions. M.A./M.S. required for community colleges.</td>
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<td>University research institutes or laboratories</td>
<td>Earn a graduate degree in College Student Affairs for work in administration.</td>
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<td>Campus museums</td>
<td>Gain experience assisting professors with research.</td>
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<td>Maintain a high g.p.a and develop strong personal recommendations.</td>
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<td><strong>MUSEUMS AND ARCHIVES</strong></td>
<td>Natural History or History Museums:</td>
<td>Graduate degree in anthropology, museum studies, library science (with an emphasis on archives) or other related discipline is required.</td>
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<td>Universities</td>
<td>Obtain internship or volunteer positions to gain experience.</td>
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<td><strong>GOVERNMENT</strong></td>
<td>Federal Agencies:</td>
<td>Learn federal or state application procedures.</td>
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<td>Administration</td>
<td>Graduate degree generally required for higher level positions.</td>
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<td>Cultural Resource Management</td>
<td>Gain related experience through internships in areas of interest.</td>
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<td>Surveying</td>
<td>Develop statistical, analytical and computer skills and investigate research methodologies.</td>
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<td>Site Management</td>
<td>Get involved in campus organizations to develop leadership abilities and interpersonal skills.</td>
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### ARES

**NONPROFIT**
- Administration
- Program management and development
- Policy analysis
- Counseling
- Research

**BUSINESS**
- Administration/Management
- Advertising
- Human Resources
- Public Relations
- Sales/Marketing
- Writing/Editing

**ARCHAEOLOGY**
- Cultural Resource Management
- Research/Excavation

### EMPLOYERS

**NONPROFIT**
- Nonprofit organizations
- Social service agencies
- Hospitals and medical centers
- Private foundations, e.g. The Ford Foundation
- International organizations, e.g. The World Health Organization and The International Red Cross

**BUSINESS**
- Advertising agencies/departments
- Business firms
- Consulting firms
- Publishers:
  - textbook, magazine, newspaper, book
  - Retail stores

**ARCHAEOLOGY**
- Consulting firms
- Environmental/engineering companies
- Firms specializing in archaeological investigation
- Federal, state and local government

### STRATEGIES

**NONPROFIT**
- Seek volunteer and internship positions to gain experience.
- Hone skills in public speaking, writing, and programming.
- Obtain a degree in counseling for therapy positions.

**BUSINESS**
- Develop practical skills such as computer expertise, written and verbal communication, project management, etc.
- Earn a minor in business or communications.
- Gain experience through internships, volunteer or paid positions.

**ARCHAEOLOGY**
- Field positions require a B.S./B.A. and previous field experience.
- Obtain graduate degree to direct field crews.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Most professional anthropological jobs require a graduate degree.
- Those interested in anthropology may specialize in one of its four branches: archaeology, cultural anthropology, linguistics, or physical anthropology.
- Many subfields exist within the larger specialties such as forensic anthropology, a subfield of physical anthropology.
- May need a willingness to travel and endure adverse living/working conditions during field studies or excavations. Working conditions and hours vary with the type of work/research performed.
- As the demand for university/college faculty positions decreases, most openings will be in consulting firms and government agencies.
- For jobs outside of academia, earn a degree in another field such as sociology, political science, law, medicine, business, urban planning, or public administration to increase employment opportunities.
- Anthropology is good preparation for jobs that involve people skills and require an understanding of cultural differences.
- Spend a summer in field school or travel and study other cultures.
- Volunteer to help with a professor's research.
- Gaining relevant work experience through internships, practicums, part-time jobs or volunteer positions is critical.

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