Anthropology
IU School of Liberal Arts

ABOUT THE MAJOR

Anthropology is the study of human behavior. This major encourages you to explore the origin and behavior of humans and their physical, social, and cultural development. Anthropologists study the way of life, remains, language, or physical characteristics of people around the world. They compare customs, values, and social patterns of different cultures, past and present. Archaeologists reconstruct a record of extinct cultures, especially preliterate ones, to determine age and cultural identity by classifying and interpreting artifacts, architectural features, and types of structures recovered by excavation (IU School of Liberal Arts, 2017).

Skills and abilities this major develops include: research, effective communication, understanding diversity, analytical skills, and interpreting data (IU School of Liberal Arts, 2017).

OPPORTUNITIES AFTER GRADUATION

Career Opportunities
Employment for anthropologists with a master’s degree is projected to grow 4% from 2014 to 2024, which is slower than the national average for all occupations (Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016). IUPUI anthropology majors have many other opportunities after graduation including work in community services, nonprofits, and more. Employment for anthropologists will be competitive. The job outlook for social and community services will grow 10% from 2014-2024.

Salary Information
The average starting salary for IU School of Liberal Arts graduates from IUPUI was $33,495 for the May 2016 graduating cohort. The median starting salary for liberal arts graduates was $50,500 for the class of May 2016 according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE, 2017).

(This section is intended for informational purposes, not prediction of actual salary.)

Graduate & Professional School Paths
Anthropology majors often pursue advanced degrees in the following areas: Museum Studies, International Affairs, Medicine, Environmental Protection, Social Service, Education, Historic Preservation, or continuing Anthropology and Archaeology Studies.

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

IU School of Liberal Arts
Department of Anthropology
143 Cavanaugh Hall
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Society for Applied Anthropology
www.sfa.net

Archaeological Institute of America
www.archaeological.org

Sample Coursework:
- Cultural anthropology
- Human origins & prehistory
- Survey of applied anthropology
- Development of anthropological thought
- Evolution and prehistory
- Bioanthropology
- Fieldwork in archaeology

Possible Careers:
- Communications specialist
- Curator
- Nonprofit management
- Professor*
- Research specialist
- Urban Planner*

* = Career option requires additional training or education.

Where Could I Work?
- Community/social services
- Education
- Eiteljorg Museum
- Indiana State Museum
- Nonprofits
- Public health
- State of Indiana

Complementing Interests:
Investigative
Realistic
Entreprising

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