

# ANTHROPOLOGY

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Anthropology has a strong commitment to preserving and transmitting the knowledge of the past, illuminating the challenges of the present, and contributing to their solutions and shaping the future. We are known for our strong theoretical orientation and are nationally recognized for having an excellent program in applied anthropology. Our department is prepared to further collaborations within the university, locally, and globally.

## PROGRAMS

### Major

- Anthropology Major (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/anthropology/anthropology-major/>)

## ADVISING

The primary advisor for students in the Anthropology major is the undergraduate advisor. The advisor is available to students during appointments, walk-in hours, and by phone and email. The advisor is responsible for helping students plan their successful completion of the Anthropology major. Students will work with the advisor for an orientation to the department, status on degree progress, administrative approval for special course enrollment, academic audits, and graduation clearance. In addition, students should consider the Undergraduate Advisor a resource for general academic and career advice during their time at Maryland.

The office of the undergraduate advisor is supervised and supported by the director of undergraduate studies (a faculty member) in the Department of Anthropology. In addition, all faculty members in the department may serve as faculty advisors to students. For more information, or to contact the director of undergraduate studies or undergraduate advisor, please call 301-405-1423 or go to <http://anth.umd.edu/>.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Academic Programs and Departmental Facilities

The Anthropology department offers beginning and advanced course work in four principal subdivisions of the discipline: archaeology, cultural anthropology, ecological anthropology, and medical anthropology. Within each area, the department offers some degree of specialization and provides a variety of opportunities for research and independent study. Laboratory courses are offered in ecological anthropology. Field schools are offered in archaeology. The interrelationship of all branches of anthropology is emphasized.

The Anthropology department has eight labs in Woods Hall. Lab sections for Introduction to Ecological & Evolutionary Anthropology and other courses are held in the Anthropology Teaching Lab. Three archaeology labs that contain materials collected from field schools and research projects of the past several years, serve both teaching and research purposes. The Evolutionary Anthropology and Genetics

and the Archaeogenetics laboratories use cutting-edge equipment and molecular methods for the study of human evolution, ancestry, and global migrations through DNA extraction, amplification, and sequencing from modern and ancient sources. The Qualitative Research Lab provides dedicated space and technology for conducting in-person/virtual/hybrid group data collection activities (such as community meetings and focus groups) as well as one-on-one interviews with research participants in a private setting. The Quantitative Lab is a space for collaborative analysis of quantitative, spatial, and other forms of digital data. The Lab includes workstations, instructional space, and secure cabinets for storing and sharing field equipment.

The undergraduate curriculum is tied to the department's Master in Applied Anthropology (M.A.A.) program; accordingly, preparation for non-academic employment upon graduation is a primary educational goal of the department's undergraduate course work and internship and research components. The department also has a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program. Students at the graduate level are asked to focus in one of three areas of faculty expertise: Health, Heritage, and Environment.

## Undergraduate Research Experiences

There are several undergraduate research experiences available for students. For more information, please see our website: <http://anth.umd.edu/>.

## Fieldwork Opportunities

The Department of Anthropology encourages students to explore its field school and study abroad opportunities which include summer archaeology field schools in Iceland and Ireland.

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## Internships

All undergraduate students are encouraged to do an internship. There are many non-profit and government agencies in the Baltimore-Washington area that are willing to support Anthropology interns. For more information, please contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies or the Undergraduate Advisor.

## Honors Program

The Anthropology department also offers an Honors Program that provides the student an opportunity to pursue in-depth study of his or her interests. Acceptance is contingent upon a 3.5 GPA in anthropology courses and a 3.0 overall average. The Honors Citation is awarded upon completion and review of a thesis to be done within the field of anthropology. For additional information, students should contact the Director of Departmental Honors Program, Dr. Stephen Brighton, 301-405-3700; Email: [sbrighto@umd.edu](mailto:sbrighto@umd.edu).

## Student Societies and Professional Organizations

Anthropology Student Association (ASA): An anthropology student association that meets regularly to plan student events and to help coordinate various student and faculty activities. For meeting times contact the Undergraduate Advisor.

## Scholarships and Financial Assistance

The Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) administers all types of federal, state and institutional financial assistance programs and, in

cooperation with other university offices, participates in the awarding of scholarships to deserving students. For information, visit: <http://financialaid.umd.edu>.