



Anthropology - Bachelor of Arts

Discipline Content

About the Anthropology Program



The Department of Anthropology at the University of Lethbridge provides students with a strong background with a wide variety of courses in its B.A. program in the discipline, from the history of the discipline to contemporary theory and practice. As an important part of the University's liberal arts curriculum, the program also helps students better understand themselves and their own society and culture in relation to those from other social and cultural backgrounds, a goal that is especially important in Canada's multicultural context.

Why a Major in Anthropology?

Possible Career Paths

Further Graduate Training

A B.A. in Anthropology can be an effective route to a number of different careers. Much Anthropological research traditionally was done by people holding a Master's (M.A.) or Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree. Further graduate training is an option that is followed by many students. University of Lethbridge Anthropology B.A. students have had an excellent record in gaining admittance to, and in completing postgraduate studies, both in North America and Europe. About one third of our majors eventually go on to do further graduate education.

Professional Disciplines

The B.A. degree also provides an excellent foundation for further studies in professional disciplines such as Law, Medicine, Management, Education, as well as in the other social sciences.

Related Fields

Still others with a B.A. in Anthropology will 'cross over' into another field to learn how to apply their Anthropology to a wide range of institutional and cross-cultural contexts. They train in how to do anthropologically oriented research to provide better service delivery or to assess social issues and social problems, such as in public health, education, urban planning, social welfare, government planning, immigration, museum management, international development, and First Nations contexts.

See also

What Can I Do With a Major in Anthropology?

(www.uleth.ca/ross/ces/majors/anthropology.pdf)

Skills Acquired from the Anthropology Program

In this day and age, it is important to consider what skills will be developed in your university program. Anthropology course work emphasizes the development of the following skills, many of them applicable to a wide range of situations. Anthropology training provides one with the ability to:

- Analyze a wide range of social and cultural situations, both in our society and others
- Do social research, particularly field research
- Develop critical thinking skills critical to succeeding in the 21st century in business, research, teaching, advocacy, policy analysis, and public service and programming
- Provide global information
- Write well
- Present material orally
- Work in small groups

Anthropology Courses

First- and second-year courses in Anthropology are intended as introductions to the field, and to specific areas of interest within it. Thereafter, major students have the opportunity to concentrate more specifically, both through specialized courses on particular topics and through the use of independent and applied study courses tailored to their interests. Courses are offered on major cultural areas of the world including such diverse topics as

- social organization
- ethnicity and racism
- popular culture
- kinship and marriage
- anthropological archaeology
- the history of anthropological thought
- gender
- medical anthropology
- social movements
- material culture
- political anthropology
- environmental and development anthropology
- urban anthropology

What Distinguishes Anthropology from Other Social Sciences?

Two elements distinguish Anthropology:

- an intensely comparative, wide-ranging view of human society and culture. Anthropologists study the ways of life and beliefs of people in virtually every place in the world, from Canadian popular culture to systems of personal meaning in small scale traditional societies.
 - a strong desire to know how individuals in specific cultures make sense of the world and respond to its challenges. Anthropologists therefore typically spend long periods doing field research in intense interaction with local people.
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Why a B.A. from the UofL?

Current Research and Areas of Interest

- Ethnicity and nationalism
- Cross-cultural health and medicine
- Gender and the state
- Material culture and ancient political economies
- Globalization and neoliberalism
- Emergence of complex society
- Indigenous social movements and development
- Policy and personhood
- The city and urbanism
- Political ecology
- Religion and modernity
- Andean pre-history
- Psychological anthropology
- Ritual and politics
- Development and developmentalism
- South America, Southeast Asia, North America, Central America, South Asia

Additional Opportunities

Research, Applied Studies, and Independent Study Opportunities

University of Lethbridge Anthropology professors continue to contribute valuable research to their profession, and undergraduate students play a key role in this process. In addition to regular course loads, students are encouraged to participate in Independent Study and Applied Studies courses as well as contribute to departmental activities through employment as Research Assistants. Students with the required GPA can enrol in the undergraduate thesis courses which require basic research as a component of study. Field school opportunities are available, as well as study abroad programs. Combined with the required coursework, these opportunities provide a solid foundation for further studies and a challenging career

See also

Applied Studies Website (www.uleth.ca/apst)

Independent Studies Website (www.uleth.ca/fas/his/extra_content/independent.html)

Co-operative Education

Students are also encouraged to participate in the University's Co-operative Education Program. Students gain valuable work experience directly related to their particular field of study while earning a competitive salary. The Co-op program combines academic study with semesters of paid employment. It is designed to allow students to integrate classroom knowledge with practical experience and gain valuable contacts in the workforce.

See also

Where Will Co-op Take You...

(www.uleth.ca/ross/acadprog/undergrad/arts_and_science/brochure_coop.pdf)

Co-operative Education Website (www.uleth.ca/coop/fas)

Graduate Studies

A Social Science Concentration in Anthropology, Kinesiology, Sociology, or Women's Studies is available to students who choose an Individualized Multidisciplinary major in the M.A. program only (see program planning guide in your specific concentration).

See also Individualized Multidisciplinary majors in the M.A.

(www.uleth.ca/graduatestudies/content/master-arts-individualized-multidisciplinary-options)

Interested in a B.A. with an Anthropology Major?

Minors

- French (see www.uleth.ca/ross/minors/fas/fren.html)
- German (see www.uleth.ca/ross/minors/fas/germ.html)
- Japanese (see www.uleth.ca/ross/minors/fas/jpns.html)
- Linguistics (see www.uleth.ca/ross/minors/fas/ling.html)
- Philosophy (see www.uleth.ca/ross/minors/fas/phil.html)
- Religious Studies (see www.uleth.ca/ross/minors/fas/rels.html)
- Spanish (see www.uleth.ca/ross/minors/fas/span.html)

Where to Go for More Information

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www.uleth.ca/fas/ant/listPeople

UofL Calendar

www.uleth.ca/ross/calendar/calendar.html

Program Planning

www.uleth.ca/ross/program_planning

Career Resource Centre

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(www.uleth.ca/ross/ces/majors/anthropology.pdf)

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Co-operative Education Website (www.uleth.ca/coop/fas)

Becoming a UofL Student

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