The Anthropology Program at the University of Lethbridge

Anthropology investigates the diversities and commonalities of human experiences across the world. Studying Anthropology helps students develop analytical skills that are critical to succeeding in teaching, research, advocacy, business, policy analysis and public service.

Two elements distinguish Anthropology: an intensely comparative, wide-ranging view of human society and culture, and a strong desire to know how individuals in specific cultures make sense of the world and respond to its challenges. Anthropologists are committed to understanding common aspects of human social life, despite apparent differences. They typically spend long periods of time doing field research where they interact with people in their environment to gain cultural understanding.

The Department of Anthropology offers a wide range of courses, from the history of the Anthropology to contemporary theory and practice, leading to a Bachelor of Arts.

Skills Developed

- Careful Record-Keeping
- Communication (Oral & Written)
- Cross-Cultural Understanding
- Data Analysis and Interpretation
- Decision Making
- Deriving Knowledge from Artifacts
- Forecasting/Projecting Results
- Foreign Language Proficiency
- Intellectual Ability
- Investigative Skills
- Logical Thinking
- Non-Judgmental Observation Skills
- Positive Attitude
- Recognizing Cultural Differences & Similarities
- Research Ability
- Statistical Ability
- Summarizing Skills
- Team Player
- Testing Ideas/Hypotheses
- Work Independently

Work Environments

Anthropologists work in a wide range of environments and organizations. They may choose to work in corporations, nonprofit organizations, non-governmental organizations, art galleries, research laboratories, historical societies, zoo or zoological gardens, urban and regional planning companies, developmental and international aid agencies, community or city planning companies, immigrant assistance organizations, cultural organizations or resources management agencies. They may also work
in universities and museums as teachers and researchers, or in governmental agencies as community planners, social scientists, education officers and public health analysts.

**Key Areas of Specialization:**
Sociocultural Anthropology, Medical Anthropology, Linguistics, Archaeology, Biology Anthropology, Forensic Anthropology

### Entry Level Job Titles

These jobs are normally intended for new graduates and require 0 to 2 years of experience. It is important to note that many entry level positions require *some* related experience or demonstrated ability to perform job-related tasks. Even those positions that do not *require* experience will still prefer an experienced candidate, if one is available.

- Archaeology Fieldworker
- Archives Assistant
- Curatorial Assistant
- Customer Service Representative
- Exhibit Assistant
- Foreign Service Officer
- Heritage Interpreter
- Immigration Officer
- Management Trainee
- Museum Host/Hostess
- Program Coordinator/Assistant
- Research Assistant
- Settlement Officer
- Survey Interviewer
- Volunteer Coordinator

**Note:** The U of L offers various resources and programs to facilitate students in gaining work and volunteer experience. Find an entry level position on the [CES job board](#) or join the [Management](#) or [Arts & Science](#) Cooperative Education Programs. Summer jobs, part-time work, internship positions and volunteer experience help students to enhance their skillset and accumulate work experience for their future career.

### Related Job Titles

These jobs generally require extensive, relevant work experience and/or further education.

- Anthropologist
- Anthropology Teacher
- Archivist
- Art Conservator
- Animal Welfare Worker
- Caseworker
- Community Development Specialist
- Coroner/Medical Examiner
- Cultural Artifact Specialist
- Conservationist
- Exhibit Designer
- Epidemiology
- ESL Teacher
- Ethnologist
- Forensic Anthropologist
- Genealogist
- Historical Archaeologist
- Health & Science Administrator
- Information, Culture & Recreation Program Designer
- Librarian
- Linguist
- Museum Technician
- Museum Curator
- Multiculturalism Educator
- National/Provincial Park Interpreter
- Native Services Worker
- Naturalist
- Paleontologist
- Preservationist
- Public Health Educator
- Professor
- Research Associate
- Rural Development Officer
- Social Scientist/Analyst
- Social Worker
- Teacher
- Technical Consultant
- Translator
- Toxicologist
- Zoo Keeper
Thinking Outside the Box: Other Possible Job Titles

On average, people change their career three to five times in their lifetime. So, no matter what major you choose, you may still be interested in opportunities totally unrelated to your program of study. We encourage you to be open to all possibilities! Your undergraduate degree can be a springboard for other educational pursuits, and your transferable skills and experience can prepare you to work in a multitude of settings.

• Academic Advisor/Counsellor
• Advocate
• Bilingual Administrator
• Ecotourism Director
• Employment Recruiter
• Foreign Affair Officer
• Graphic Design Museum Assistant
• Human Resources Manager
• Immigration Inspector
• Impact Assessment Officer
• Industrial Psychologist
• Internship Coordinator
• Journalist
• Management Consultant
• Market Research Representative
• Marketing Researcher
• Multicultural Program Leader
• Program & Curriculum Coordinator
• Public Relation Specialist
• Regional Campus Coordinator
• Senior Thesis Coordinator
• Travel Agent/Guide
• Undergraduate Coordinator
• Writer/Editor

Useful Resources

Recommended websites to assist in exploring the field of Anthropology and its career opportunities.

Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA)  
http://www.cas-sca.ca

Canadian Association for Physical Anthropology (CAPA)  
http://www.capa.fenali.net

Museum of Anthropology (MOA)  
http://www.moa.ubc.ca

Society for Applied Anthropology  
http://www.sfaa.net

Society for Medical Anthropology  
http://www.medanthro.net

National Association for the Practice of Anthropology  
http://www.practicinganthropology.org

Canada’s Anthropology Journal  
www.anthropologica.ca

Canadian Heritage Job Postings  
http://www.chin.gc.ca/English/Job_Postingsndex.htm

American Anthropological Association  
http://www.aaanet.org

Discover Anthropology  
http://www.discoveranthropology.org.uk/

American Association of Physical Anthropologists  
http://physanth.org/

World Council of Anthropological Associations  
http://www.wcaanet.org/
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**Career & Employment Services (CES)**

CES assists U of L students and graduates with their career exploration and work search needs.

AH154 Anderson Hall, Phone: 403-329-2000  
Mon- Fri: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.