

Anthropologists study the origin and the physical, social, and cultural development and behavior of humans. They may study the way of life, archaeological remains, language, or physical characteristics of people in various parts of the world. Some compare the customs, values, and social patterns of different cultures. A student with a **Bachelor's degree in Anthropology** has acquired critical analysis skills, oral and written communication skills, "people" skills, and a great understanding of different cultures, which have many applications in public service, political activism and the private sector.

Socio-cultural Anthropology could prepare one for work in development, community organizing, policy analysis, and social research. **Cultural Anthropologists** might compare the culture of the medical world to that of the world of finance, or the culture of professional athletes to that of the legal profession. **Linguistic Anthropologists** may work in the areas of inter-cultural communication, language revitalization, and literacy programs. **Archaeology** yields prospects for entry-level employment or degree-related careers with one of many Federal and State agencies and private cultural resource management firms.

Biological and Medical Anthropologists have the skills which are useful in the growing sector of health related occupations and traditional research. Anthropology graduates are regarded as having excellent preparation for Law, Medicine, Public Health, School Administration, and Urban Planning careers. Anthropology is associated with archaeology, writing, sociology, history and even geology. Many aspiring anthropologists work as assistants doing ground-level research and writing surveys before they have advanced degrees.

Salary Information:

- Anthropologist, Social Scientist
\$24,677 - \$30,567 Entry Bachelor's Level Salary (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2007)
\$37,390 - \$45,239 Entry Master's/PhD Level (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistic 2007)
[*Salary varies based on education/advanced degree, work-experience & setting/location.]

Transfer Information:

- A Bachelor's degree is needed for entry-level into many of these professions and a Master's degree or PhD may be required for some. College coursework should include anthropology, cultural linguistics, sociology, biology, and language (for those considering anthropology in foreign locations).

Additional Information:

- American Anthropological Association: www.aaanet.org
- American Association of Physical Anthropologists: www.physanth.org
- Society for American Archaeology: www.saa.org/Careers

