Anthropology, BA

Are you intrigued by the wider world and looking for a program that considers the big picture of humans in all times and all places? This degree is for doers --- those wanting to get involved and help make the world a better place.

Program Description

Anthropology is the study of what it means to be human, in the broadest possible terms.

The program helps students recognize and solve problems facing the contemporary world through a broad understanding of humanity. Working alongside leading faculty, students gain experience as apprentices on research projects. Students also have opportunities for hands-on learning through study abroad programs and field schools.

The interdisciplinary program offers training in the main areas of anthropology, including archaeology, bioarchaeology, sociocultural anthropology and evolutionary anthropology.

Students enrolled in this program may not pursue a concurrent degree with the Bachelor of Science in anthropology or the Bachelor of Arts in global health, but they may add a minor in global health to complement the core curriculum. The BA in anthropology is primarily for those whose interests lie in society, culture and archaeology, while the BS is primarily taken by students interested in science and mathematics-based courses.

In addition to the guidelines in the Concurrent Program Options section below, students interested in pursuing concurrent or second baccalaureate degrees in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised to visit the college’s website for more information and requirements.

At a Glance

- College/School: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
• **Location:** Tempe or Online, ASU Local

• **Additional Program Fee:** Yes

• **Second Language Requirement:** Yes

• **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics

• **Math Intensity:** General

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**Required Courses (Major Map)**

- 2023 - 2024 Major Map (On-campus)
- 2023 - 2024 Major Map (Online)
- Major Map (Archives)

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**Concurrent Program Options**

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

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**Accelerated Program Options**

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree with:

- Global Health, MS

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated masterâs during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and how to apply.

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**Admission Requirements**

**General University Admission Requirements:**
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

- [First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

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**Tuition Information**

When it comes to paying for college, everyoneâs situation is different. Students can learn about ASU tuition and financial aid options to find out which will work best for them.

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**Change of Major Requirements**

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.
Students should visit the Change of Major form for information about how to change a major to this program.

**Attend Online**

**ASU Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program’s ASU Online page for program descriptions and to request more information.

**ASU Local**

It is now possible to earn an ASU degree with ASU Local, an integrated college experience in which students take advantage of in-person success coaching and programming experiences on site while completing one of 130+ undergraduate online degree programs, all of which come with online faculty interaction and tutoring support.

**Transfer Options**

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU® to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**

Study abroad students often cite participation in Global Education programs as the highlight of their academic career and a crucial moment in helping them gain a clearer view of the world, its peoples and the complex challenges facing everyone.

The School of Human Evolution and Social Change offers a suite of faculty-directed Global Education programs designed to connect students with real-life issues that impact local communities yet transect borders. Through any of the more than 300 programs available, students can see the world as they never have before and come away with memories to last a lifetime.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends these programs for students majoring in anthropology.
Career Opportunities

Graduates have the knowledge and skills they need to find jobs in fields where understanding complex human behavior is important. Anthropologists work in government agencies, the corporate world, nonprofit organizations, and in consulting roles and in private business where their knowledge of human interactions is critical for finding solutions to today's most complex issues.

The demand in the job market for people with an anthropology background is stimulated by a growing need for researchers and analysts with keen thinking skills who can manage, evaluate and interpret complex problems and work effectively across cultures and languages. As the many spheres of human interaction expand globally, people trained in anthropology are increasingly sought for their broad, holistic knowledge and perspectives, the hallmarks of anthropology.

Career opportunities include:

- acting as legal advocates for displaced communities like refugees in international cases
- analyzing and proposing policies
- conducting postgraduate academic research or teaching
- consulting for private and public organizations
- curating cultural resources
- health system administration or health care professionals
- directing nonprofit organizations
- directing programs in the private or public sector
- managing culture or heritage resources in private or public sectors
- planning pandemic and other disaster response

Career example titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience, geographical location, and required advanced degrees or certifications may affect pay scales.

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Contact Information

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).