Welcome to Anthropology

Major Overview:

Anthropology is the study of human populations and cultures. The anthropology major provides students with an understanding of the variety of past and present human groups, the cultures and societies people create, the processes of cultural production and social life, and the processes that underlie human biological development and change. Students learn and apply the research methods and theories used by anthropologists to investigate peoples and their social worlds.

There are four traditionally recognized sub-fields in the discipline, all of which are well-represented by faculty in the Anthropology Department at Binghamton University: archaeology, biological anthropology, linguistic anthropology and sociocultural anthropology. Students may select among the following tracks for their anthropology major: general anthropology, anthropological perspectives, archaeology and biological anthropology.

Courses:

- ANTH 114: Language, Culture, and Communication in the U.S. ANTH 118: Introduction to Linguistic Structures
- ANTH 166: Introduction to Social Anthropology
- ANTH 167: Introduction to Prehistoric Archaeology
- ANTH 168: Introduction to Biological Anthropology
- ANTH 169: Historical Archaeology
- ANTH 240-249
- ANTH 230-239, 260-269
- Any ANTH 200-level class with a focus on a specific world region or area.

Post-Graduation:

While many anthropology students go on to pursue graduate study in anthropology or other fields, many others move directly into the workforce. Anthropology students develop an understanding of global social and cultural change, and, in the process, develop important analytical, observational and critical thinking skills that provide an excellent foundation for careers in such fields as government and law, education and library science, environmental fields, cultural resource management, computer science, and publishing and advertising.
The Anthropology Department has a number of resources to help undergraduates gain a sense of life after graduation, including a Career Resource Library that is maintained in the department office (S1-137). The department also offers periodic workshops and seminars on career opportunities.

**Additional Resources:**

For more resources and information on this major, refer to:

- [Anthropology Department](http://www.binghamton.edu/anthropology/index.html)
- [Degree Programs](http://www2.binghamton.edu:8080/exist9/rest/db/lists2013-14/collegesAndSchools/harpur/departments/anthropology_ug.xml?_xsl=/db/xsl/compound.xsl)
- [Honors Program](http://www.binghamton.edu/anthropology/undergraduate/degree-requirements/honors-program.html)

For student organizations and social involvement options refer to:

- [Student groups](http://binghamtonsa.org/executive-vp/current-student-groups/)
- [Anthropology Organization](http://www.binghamton.edu/anthropology/undergraduate/undergraduate-anthropology-organization/index.html)
- [Journal of Undergraduate Anthropology](http://anthrojournal.binghamton.edu/?page_id=2)

**Research Areas:**

Many faculty members need volunteers for their research projects. These opportunities offer students a way to envision their future and gain experience in anthropological research, while getting to know faculty members. Students with archaeological experience can also volunteer with the Community Archaeology Program, a two-week summer program where volunteers participate in excavations alongside trained archaeologists.
Occasionally, graduate students look for undergraduate volunteers to assist in research. Members of the Anthropology Graduate Organization (AGO) can help students find these opportunities.

Thank you!

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