**Anthropology**

**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts  
**Offered by:** Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Anthropology is the integrated study of what it means to be human in the broadest possible sense. Anthropologists are interested in the findings of all fields pertaining to humans from anywhere on the globe, both past and present. Anthropology connects the natural sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities.

Anthropologists tend to specialize in one of four major sub-fields: anthropological archaeology, biological anthropology, cultural anthropology, or linguistic anthropology.

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**IF I STUDIED ANTHROPOLOGY, I COULD DEVELOP MY ABILITY TO:**

- Analyze issues with a cross-cultural understanding
- Communicate clearly in both oral and written formats
- Conduct field studies, including interviews, statistical analysis, and evaluation of qualitative data
- Engage in cross-cultural communication
- Gather, organize, interpret, and present data
- Perform research and analytical tasks
- Recognize with proficiency cultural differences and similarities
- Understand the origin and physical, social, or cultural development of societies and human behaviour
- Use social, behavioural, biological, and other scientific research methods
- Work with people from a variety of cultural backgrounds to address issues and find creative solutions to problems

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**IF I STUDIED ANTHROPOLOGY, I COULD DEVELOP A CAREER IN VARIOUS OCCUPATIONS SUCH AS:**

- Advocate
- Archaeological technician
- Assistant language instructor
- Bilingual/bicultural program specialist
- Collections manager
- Communications officer
- Community development officer
- Community support worker
- Cultural consultant to police
- Cultural resource manager
- Curator
- Ethnographic research assistant
- Exhibit assistant
- First Nations land claims advisor
- Foreign service officer
- Forensics assistant
- Fundraising consultant
- Health researcher
- Heritage interpreter
- Immigration services consultant
- Impact assessor
- International student advisor
- Manager, cultural business council
- Map and aerial photo interpreter
- Market researcher
- Media development
- Multicultural education specialist
- Museum and gallery assistant
- Organizational analyst
- Outreach assistant
- Park interpreter
- Policy analyst
- Policy researcher
- Project officer, urban Aboriginal strategy
- Public health educator
- Research analyst
- Sales representative
- Social development advisor
- Social impact analyst
- Strategic planning advisor
- Travel agent/guide/consultant
- Travel or technical writer
- Urban planner
- Youth worker

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**ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES THAT EMPLOY ANTHROPOLOGY GRADUATES INCLUDE:**

- Community education and outreach organizations relating to demographics, multiculturalism, and consultation services provided to business, industry, and governments
- Environmental, exploration, or engineering companies
- Federal and provincial government departments or agencies such as administration, criminal justice systems, cultural resources management, legislative compliance, or military
- Museums, libraries, and archives
- Non-profit organizations and social service agencies focusing on community services, First Nations issues and land claim resolutions, gerontology, human and civil rights, immigration services, international aid or development, public education, or public housing projects
- Private business focusing on administration, human resources, public relations, sales/marketing, market research, or publishing

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**LINKS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

- Canadian Anthropology Society: [http://casca.anthropologica.ca](http://casca.anthropologica.ca)
- Canadian Association for Physical Anthropology: [www.utsc.utoronto.ca/~chan/capa](www.utsc.utoronto.ca/~chan/capa)
- Canadian Heritage Information Network: [www.chin.gc.ca](www.chin.gc.ca)
- Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association: [www.ucm.es/info/isa/colmemb/can_r2.htm](www.ucm.es/info/isa/colmemb/can_r2.htm)
- Society for Applied Anthropology: [www.sfaa.net](www.sfaa.net)

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**ADDITIONAL EDUCATION OR CERTIFICATION MAY BE REQUIRED FOR SOME FIELDS AND OCCUPATIONS**

(e.g. completion of association registration, a professional program, or other specialized studies)
The following steps will help you explore study options and career possibilities. Contact Career Services for assistance with completing any or all of these career planning steps.

**ASSESS: Self-discovery**
Complete self-assessments:
- Interests
- Personality/strengths
- Skills
- Significant others
- Work values
- Other criteria important to you

**EXPLORE: Link self-awareness to occupation options**
List top 5 priorities for each self assessment area:
- Work values
- Interests
- Personality/strengths
- Skills
- Significant others
- Other criteria

Identify employment sectors or specific careers based on above lists

**RESEARCH: Gather information**
List 5 to 10 sectors or careers of interest to research.
Read or make notes about:
- Main job duties
- Required education or training
- Career trends and future job openings
- Strategies to enter the career
- Related occupations
Talk to people in the employment sector or specific careers that interest you (e.g. informational interviews)

**EVALUATE: Make decisions**
- List the advantages to those sectors or careers you’ve researched ("pros" list)
- List the disadvantages to those sectors or careers you’ve researched ("cons" list)
- Complete a "matching game": Compare your self-discovery priorities with the options you’ve researched
- List your top sector or top 5 careers based on the above evaluations

**PLAN: Action plan**
Based on your top sector or top 5 careers:
- Think about ways to test the water (e.g., volunteer, job shadow, Co-op, or part-time/summer work) and see if the career fits
- List strategies to gain experience, build hands-on skills, enhance your resumé, and make networking connections
- List some short- and long-term goals

**OTHER PROGRAMS TO ENHANCE YOUR LEARNING EXPERIENCE:**

- **Academic Resource Centre: Tutoring**
  [http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/current/academic.cfm?go=learning](http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/current/academic.cfm?go=learning)
- **Athletics & Recreation: Campus Recreation**
  [www.ubc.ca/okanagan/students/athletics](www.ubc.ca/okanagan/students/athletics)
- **Campus Life: Volunteer for Campus Events**
  [http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/current/life.cfm](http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/current/life.cfm)
- **Community Service Learning**
  [http://www.learningexchange.ubc.ca/ubcokanagan.html](http://www.learningexchange.ubc.ca/ubcokanagan.html)
  Combines volunteer service with academic work.
- **Co-operative Education Program**
  [http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/careers](http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/careers)
  Combines classroom studies with professional work experience in a field related to your education and career goals.
- **Go Global: Exchange Opportunities**
  [http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/global/information.cfm](http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/global/information.cfm)
- **Peer Support Network: Peer Mentoring**
  [http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/current/psn.cfm](http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/current/psn.cfm)
- **Work Study**
  [http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/careers](http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/careers)
  Encourages on-campus employers to create career-related work for eligible students. It provides domestic students with the opportunity to work in a variety of on-campus jobs and earn additional income to help finance their education.

>> **UBC OKANAGAN CONTACTS**

- **Academic Advising**
  250.807.9100
  [www.ubc.ca/okanagan/students/advising](www.ubc.ca/okanagan/students/advising)
- **Career Services**
  250.807.9250
  [www.ubc.ca/okanagan/students/careers](www.ubc.ca/okanagan/students/careers)
- **Academic Calendar**
  [www.ubc.ca/okanagan/calendar](www.ubc.ca/okanagan/calendar)

>> **SOURCES FOR THE ABOVE MATERIAL INCLUDE:**

- BC Work Futures
- Canadian Association for Women in Science and Technology
- Career Services departments from: Indiana University South Bend, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, University of British Columbia, University of Calgary, University of Lethbridge, University of Ottawa, and University of Regina
- Alberta Learning Information Services
- Independent Learning Centre (Ontario)

Think ahead. Go further.