# ANTHROPOLOGY/ARCHAEOLOGY

## What can I do with this degree?

### AREAS

#### EDUCATION
- Teaching
- Research
- Administration

#### MUSEUMS AND ARCHIVES
- Management
- Curatorship
- Conservation
- Research
- Education
- Libraries
- Development

#### GOVERNMENT
- Administration
- Cultural Resource Management
- Surveying
- Site Management
- Excavation
- Research
- Museum Conservation
- Legislative Compliance Review
- Program Management and Evaluation
- Policy Analysis
- Urban Planning

### EMPLOYERS

#### EDUCATION
- Universities/colleges/community colleges
- University research institutes or laboratories
- Campus museums

#### MUSEUMS AND ARCHIVES
- Natural History or History Museums:
  - Universities
  - State, federal or local
  - Private
  - Archives

#### GOVERNMENT
- Federal Agencies:
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs
  - Bureau of Land Management
  - Central Intelligence Agency
  - Department of Health and Human Services
  - Department of Housing and Urban Development
  - Federal Bureau of Investigation
  - National Institutes of Health
  - National Park Service
  - Public Health Service
  - Smithsonian Institute
  - Tennessee Valley Authority
  - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
  - U.S. Department of State
  - U.S. Forest Service
- State Agencies:
  - Historic Preservation Offices
  - Parks Departments
  - Highway Departments

### STRATEGIES

#### EDUCATION
- Ph.D. required for university and college faculty positions.
- M.A./M.S. required for community colleges.
- Earn a graduate degree in College Student Affairs for work in administration.
- Gain experience assisting professors with research.
- Maintain a high g.p.a and develop strong personal recommendations.

#### MUSEUMS AND ARCHIVES
- Graduate degree in anthropology, museum studies, library science (with an emphasis on archives) or other related discipline is required.
- Obtain internship or volunteer positions to gain experience.

#### GOVERNMENT
- Learn federal or state application procedures.
- Graduate degree generally required for higher level positions.
- Gain related experience through internships in areas of interest.
- Develop statistical, analytical and computer skills and investigate research methodologies.
- Get involved in campus organizations to develop leadership abilities and interpersonal skills.
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<td>Seek volunteer and internship positions to gain experience.</td>
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<td>Program management and development</td>
<td>Social service agencies</td>
<td>Hone skills in public speaking, writing, and programming.</td>
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<td>Policy analysis</td>
<td>Hospitals and medical centers</td>
<td>Obtain a degree in counseling for therapy positions.</td>
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### BUSINESS

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<th>Advertising agencies/departments</th>
<th>Develop practical skills such as computer expertise, written and verbal communication, project management, etc.</th>
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<td>Business firms</td>
<td>Earn a minor in business or communications.</td>
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<td>Gain experience through internships, volunteer or paid positions.</td>
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### ARCHAEOLOGY

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<th>Field positions require a B.S./B.A. and previous field experience.</th>
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<td>Environmental/engineering companies</td>
<td>Obtain graduate degree to direct field crews.</td>
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<td>Firms specializing in archaeological investigation</td>
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### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Most professional anthropological jobs require a graduate degree.
- Those interested in anthropology may specialize in one of its four branches: archaeology, cultural anthropology, linguistics, or physical anthropology.
- Many subfields exist within the larger specialties such as forensic anthropology, a subfield of physical anthropology.
- May need a willingness to travel and endure adverse living/working conditions during field studies or excavations. Working conditions and hours vary with the type of work/research performed.
- As the demand for university/college faculty positions decreases, most openings will be in consulting firms and government agencies.
- For jobs outside of academia, earn a degree in another field such as sociology, political science, law, medicine, business, urban planning, or public administration to increase employment opportunities.
- Anthropology is good preparation for jobs that involve people skills and require an understanding of cultural differences.
- Spend a summer in field school or travel and study other cultures.
- Volunteer to help with a professor's research.
- Gaining relevant work experience through internships, practicums, part-time jobs or volunteer positions is critical.