



Applied Anthropology, M.A.

Anthropology is a holistic science dedicated to the study of human biological and cultural diversity across time and space. Anthropologists integrate methods and theories from across the sciences, arts, and humanities to gain a deep understanding of how people live in and respond to their environments.

Experience Your Learning

Our research programs, laboratories, internships, and field opportunities are interactive and provide relevant, real-world experiences to prepare you for your future.

We promote intensive development of broadly applicable research and professional skills.

Our students engage in resume-building internships and research projects across the globe, and the program's online core coursework allows you to complete your degree from a field site.

Build critical awareness of our globalized world and recognize multiculturalism and diversity as fundamental characteristics.

X Did you know?

- The program can be completed entirely online, enabling freedom in location of residence and research.
- Students can opt to engage on-campus in electives, labs, and internship opportunities.
- Anthropology graduates are well suited for the academic, nonacademic, and increasingly global job market.
- The program design emphasizes the relevance and applicability of anthropology across society in fields such as education, government, health, law, development, entertainment, and beyond.



Academics & Options

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The Master of Arts in Applied Anthropology is a relevant and flexible degree program focused on building competitive, marketable skills for the application of anthropological perspectives, methods, theories, and practices in a diverse array of careers in academic, professional, and global contexts.

Students in the program develop a cohesive educational and career plan while they focus on one of the modern or traditional areas of anthropology or utilize the freedom that is intrinsic within the discipline to bridge disciplines as relevant to research and career interests.

Options for culminating experience, including thesis, project, or exam tracks, enable program customization to meet students where they are and work towards future goals.



Careers

Anthropology students gain specialized knowledge and research skills in subfields and world regions through advanced coursework and hands-on laboratory and field experiences. This provides a basis for employment in a wide range of careers and advanced degree programs.

- Archaeologist
- Museum Curator
- Ethnographer
- Linguist
- Cultural Resources Manager
- Paleoanthropologist
- Forensic Anthropologist
- Primatologist
- Environmental Anthropologist
- Medical Anthropologist
- Qualitative Research Consultant
- Educational Program Coordinator
- & more!



I'm so glad I completed an M.A. in Applied Anthropology at Humboldt. I feel that the program greatly improved my research skills. I enjoyed working with all of the students and professors in the department and benefited from being around a variety of various research topics in all of the sub-fields. If you're motivated and looking for a flexible yet rigorous graduate program, you do not need to look any further."

Kate Ruprecht ('17)