What Can I Do with a Major in ANTHROPOLOGY

How to use this guide
DePaul’s Career Roadmap was designed to help students and alumni navigate the career development process by describing the Career Center’s services and resources as they relate to four steps: Know Yourself, Explore and Choose Options, Gain Knowledge and Experience, and Putting it all Together. This major guide uses the same four steps to help you explore and consider the possibility of pursuing a degree in Anthropology:

Step 1  Know Yourself: Helps you explore whether this field suits your interests, skills, and values.
Step 2  Explore and Choose Options: Provides you with information about the major and occupations related to it.
Step 3  Gain Knowledge and Experience: Teaches you how to gain relevant knowledge and experience for your occupational interest.
Step 4  Putting It All Together: Helps you embark on your job search process.

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**Step 1: Know Yourself**

Think about what has attracted you to Anthropology and why it might be the right major for you. Take some time to consider your interests, skills, and values, and compare them with the information below. Keep in mind that you may not identify with everything noted below, but be conscious of whether the listed interests, skills, and values complement or run contrary to how you identify.

**Interests, Skills and Values:**

People who major in Anthropology often have:

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If what is listed above matches, or is related in a way to your own interests, skills and values, a degree in Anthropology may be for you. Continue to explore this resource to learn more.

**Another Look at Interests:**

**John Holland’s Occupational Themes**

Learning about your interests will help you identify opportunities to pursue and the topics you are most naturally drawn to. John Holland developed a theory of occupational interests that described six major interest areas. Of those six interest areas, Anthropology students often identify with interests in the following categories:

**Investigative:** People with investigative interests have a strong scientific, inquiring orientation. They enjoy gathering information, uncovering new facts or theories, and analyzing and interpreting data.

Learn more: [http://careercenter.depaul.edu/_documents/hexagon_investigative.pdf](http://careercenter.depaul.edu/_documents/hexagon_investigative.pdf)

**Realistic:** People with realistic interests enjoy professions that involve working: outside; things, materials, and plants; and with attention to detail.

Learn more: [http://careercenter.depaul.edu/_documents/hexagon_realistic.pdf](http://careercenter.depaul.edu/_documents/hexagon_realistic.pdf)

**Artistic:** People with artistic interests enjoy professions that utilize innovative or intuitive abilities. Artistic individuals like to work in unstructured creative and flexible environments.

Learn more: [http://careercenter.depaul.edu/_documents/hexagon_artistic.pdf](http://careercenter.depaul.edu/_documents/hexagon_artistic.pdf)

Learn more about “Step 1: Knowing Yourself”…Check out these Career Center Workshops:

- Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI)
- Skills and Accomplishments
- Strong Interest Explorer
- Work Values
- Values
Step 2: Explore and Choose Options

Whether you have already chosen Anthropology as a major or are still considering it among other possibilities, it is important to explore the career and academic options this major will open up for you.

Concentrations:
DePaul’s department of Anthropology offers the following concentrations within the major:

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<th>Cultural Anthropology</th>
<th>Introduces students to anthropological theories and methods for understanding human cultures from a comparative perspective; includes analyses of human institutions such as religion, politics, and kinship and the forces that change them.</th>
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<td>Archaeology</td>
<td>Students will engage in the study of past human behavior through material remains. Students examine the ways archaeologists gather data, as well as the methods used to analyze and interpret these data to learn about the past and how human societies evolved.</td>
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Learn more:
DePaul’s Anthropology Program: [http://las.dePaul.edu/ant/About/index.asp](http://las.dePaul.edu/ant/About/index.asp)

Curriculum:
Please follow this link to review the requirements for a degree in Anthropology. Also, note the classes you will need to take.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Anthropology Requirements: [http://las.dePaul.edu/ant/Programs/BAAAnthropology/index.asp](http://las.dePaul.edu/ant/Programs/BAAAnthropology/index.asp)

Learn more about these classes: [http://sr.dePaul.edu/catalog/catalogfiles/Current/Undergraduate%20Course%20Descriptions/pg98.html](http://sr.dePaul.edu/catalog/catalogfiles/Current/Undergraduate%20Course%20Descriptions/pg98.html)
**Occupations:**
The following list, organized by suggested concentration, offers a *sampling* of career paths that might appeal to Anthropology students. It is not meant to be all inclusive or limiting, but rather is intended to provide you with a starting point for considering the possibilities.

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<td>Business (Profit, Government/Non-Profit): Advertising Associate, Political Anthropologist*, Social Service Administrator, Environmental Planner, Social Service Agency Planner, Social Science Analyst, Human Resources Assistant, Consumer Researcher</td>
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<td>Academia: Elementary Education Teacher, Multiculturalism Educator, Social Science Research Assistant, Educational Anthropologist*, Professor*</td>
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<td>Other: Forensic Anthropologist*, Medical Anthropologist*, Primatologist*, Historical Linguist*</td>
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<td>Fieldworker Assistant, Archaeological Technician, Cultural Resource Management Assistant, Project Archaeologist*, Staff Archaeologist, Archaeobotanist*, Archaeometrist*, Ethnoarchaeologist*, Landscape Archaeologist*, Maritime Archaeologist*, Zooarchaeologist*</td>
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* These occupations may require additional training and/or a graduate or doctoral degree. Speak with a Career Advisor to learn more.

Learn more: **O*NET**: Source of detailed descriptions of different occupations including its job responsibilities, educational requirements, typically associated interests and values, job outlook and more.
[http://online.onetcenter.org/find/quick?s=anthropologist](http://online.onetcenter.org/find/quick?s=anthropologist)

**Occupational Outlook Handbook**
Alumni Sharing Knowledge (ASK):
The Alumni Sharing Knowledge (ASK) Program connects students to DePaul alumni. To learn more, please visit: http://ask.depaul.edu/

Additional Networking Resources:
National Association for the Practice of Anthropology (NAPA):
http://www.practicinganthropology.org/about/

Moving Anthropology Student Network (MASN):
http://www.movinganthropology.de/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=5&Itemid=28

Society for Applied Anthropology – Community: http://sfaanet.ning.com/

Online Resources:
Learn more about Anthropology:

General Anthropology Information
- DePaul Anthropology Department: http://condor.depaul.edu/~anthro/faculty/agbe-davis.html
- American Anthropological Association: http://aaanet.org
- American Cultural Resources Association: http://acra-crm.org/index.html
- Anthropologist Quarterly (Magazine): http://www.aq.gwu.edu/
- National Association for the Practice of Anthropology (NAPA): http://practicinganthropology.org
- Society for Cultural Anthropology: http://sca.culanth.org/about.htm

Museums & Archives
- American Association for State and Local History: http://aaslh.org
- American Association of Museums: http://aam-us.org
- American Library Association: http://ala.org
- Council for Museum Anthropology: http://nmnh.si.edu/cma/index.html
- National Register of Historic Places: http://cr.nps.gov/nr
- Society of Architectural Historians: http://sah.org

Archaeology
- Archaeological Conservancy: http://americanarchaeology.com
- Archaeological Institute of America: http://archaeological.org
National Trust for Historic Preservation: http://nationaltrust.org
Register of Professional Archaeologists: http://rpanet.org
Society for American Archaeology: http://saa.org
Society for Archaeological Sciences: http://socarchsci.org
Society for Historical Archaeology: http://sha.org

**Business and Government/Non-Profit**
- U.S. Customs and Borders Protection: http://cbp.gov
- American Planning Association: http://planning.org
- Society for Human Resource Management: http://shrm.org
- Marketing Research Association: http://mra-net.org
- Council of American Survey Research Organizations: http://casro.org

**Education**
- American Association for Higher Education: http://aahe.org
- American Association of University Professors: http://aaup.org
- Association of American Colleges and Universities: http://aacu-edu.org

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Learn more about “Step 2: Explore and Choose Options”…Check out these Career Center Workshops

- LinkedIn & Other Social Media
- Networking Skills
Step 3: Gain Knowledge and Experience

Complementing your coursework in Anthropology with internship, volunteer, work, and organization experiences is one of the smartest moves you can make in relation to your career development. By doing so, you will have the opportunity to apply and build upon the knowledge you are gaining in the classroom, while also developing content for your resume in preparation for future opportunities.

Internships:
Here is a sample list of internships you might consider while pursuing a degree in Anthropology. Please note, any mentioned internship below is not restricted to its respective concentration.

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<td>Bilingual Public Relationship Intern, Campaign Intern, Sales &amp; Marketing Associate Intern, Early Childhood Program Intern, Exhibit Designs and Production Intern, Museum Communications Intern, Program Planning and Development Intern, Research &amp; Evaluation Intern</td>
<td>Possible Field Work and Internships in areas of Curation/Collections Management, Environmental Archaeology, Conservation, Research, Field Survey Intern, Field Technician Intern and Internships Abroad</td>
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Search and apply for internships listed by employers specifically seeking DePaul candidates at: http://depaul.experience.com

Find Internships:

Visit these sites to search and apply for more internships:

DePaul Resources:
- Department of Anthropology: http://las.depaul.edu/ant/Programs/AnthropologyInternship/index.asp

Anthropology Specific Resources:
- National Association for the Practice of Anthropology: http://practicinganthropology.org/category/jobs/

Additional Resources:
- Indeed.com: http://www.indeed.com
- Collegegrad.com: http://www.collegegrad.com
- CollegeRecruiter.com: http://www.collegerecruiter.com
- Careeronestop.org: http://www.careeronestop.org
- Careerbuilder.com: http://careerbuilder.com
**Student Organizations and Professional Organizations:**
To gain more knowledge and experience, as well as to network and build your resume, consider joining student and professional organizations related to Anthropology.

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<th>Professional Organizations</th>
<th>Student Organizations at DePaul</th>
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**Research and Guide Books:**
Find these and more Anthropology research and guide books at DePaul’s libraries.

- *Great Jobs for Anthropology Majors* by Blythe Cameron
- *Anthropology, Development, and the Post-Modern Challenge* by Katy Gardner
- *Anthropology Career Resources Handbook* by Margaret Gwynne
- *Applied Anthropology: A Career-Oriented Approach* by Margaret Gwynne
- *Careers in Anthropology* by John T. Omohundro
- *A Guide to Careers in Physical Anthropology* by Alan S. Ryan
- *Applied Anthropology: An Introduction* by John Van Willigen

Learn more about the library and how to borrow these books: [http://library.depaul.edu/](http://library.depaul.edu/)

**Graduate and Doctoral Programs:**
If you are serious about pursuing an Anthropological career, you should consider a higher degree in Anthropology. The majority of anthropologists and archaeologists have at least a master’s degree. Speak with a Career Advisor to learn about the appropriateness of a higher degree for your career path.

GradSchools.com’s List of Graduate/Doctoral Programs: [http://www.gradschools.com/Subject/Anthropology/20.html](http://www.gradschools.com/Subject/Anthropology/20.html)

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**Learn more about “Step 3: Gain Knowledge and Experience”…Check out these Career Center Workshops**

- How to Prepare for Graduate School
- How to Work a Job & Internship Fair
- University Internship Program (UIP) Orientation
- iPrep: Find Your Dream Internship
- Navigating Student Employment
**Step 4: Putting it all Together**

The job search process can be challenging, but with the right tools, guidance, and persistence, success can be yours. Below are a number of resources that you are invited to take advantage of as a DePaul student and/or alumni.

**Career Advisors for LAS:**
If you have not already done so, set an appointment with a Career Advisor to discuss your post-graduation goals and strategies for achieving them. To set an appointment with your advisor, please call the Lincoln Park Career Center at (773) 625-7431.

**Attend Workshops:**
The Career Center's career development workshops are designed to help you build and strengthen your career-related skills so you can make well-informed decisions and prepare for your job or internship search.

The Career Center offers free workshops on over 25 topics throughout the year, including resume writing, interviewing skills, effective self-marketing techniques, networking, managing your career path and many more. Workshops facilitators have in-depth knowledge in the topics covered and allow you the opportunity to ask questions throughout each session.

Pre-register for all workshops online through DePaul.Experience.

Learn more: [http://careercenter.depaul.edu/events/workshops.aspx](http://careercenter.depaul.edu/events/workshops.aspx)
**Prepare your Resume:**
Depending on the internship or job you are applying to, consider including the following types of information on your resume:

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<th>Experienced Professionals</th>
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<td>• Education</td>
<td>• Summary of Qualifications</td>
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<td>• Relevant Experience from part-time jobs, internships, volunteering and/or organizational involvement</td>
<td>• Research Objective</td>
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<td>• Campus Involvement</td>
<td>• Research</td>
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<td>• Skills</td>
<td>• Field Work</td>
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<td>• Awards and Recognition</td>
<td>• Publications (Articles, Papers, Books)</td>
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<td>• Course Work – speak with a Career Advisor to learn the appropriateness of this section</td>
<td>• Presentations</td>
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To view resume samples and an online resume tutorial, visit: [http://careercenter.depaul.edu/resumes/default.aspx](http://careercenter.depaul.edu/resumes/default.aspx)

Or meet with a Peer Career Advisor to plan, develop and/or critique your resume. Peer Career Advising is a good place for students and alumni to begin the process of career planning. The Peer Career Advisors are undergraduate and graduate students who have been carefully selected and trained by the Career Center to work with students and alumni in an advisory capacity.

**Prepare for Interviews:**
To prepare for an interview for an internship or job, the Career Center offers:

- **Alumni Sharing Knowledge (ASK) Practice Interviews** – Sign up in DePaul.Experience for a practice interview with DePaul alum. This real interview scenario will allow you to gain feedback from your practice interviewer on your interviewing strengths and areas for improvement.
- **Alumni Sharing Knowledge (ASK) Mentors** – ASK mentors are willing to meet with you individually to help you with your interviewing skills. ASK mentors are a good option to consider as they have valuable industry-specific interviewing tips.
- **Peer Career Advisors** – Meet with a Peer Career Advisor on a walk-in basis to go over the interviewing process, as well as running through a mock interview. Peer Career Advisors are a good option to consider if you need quick interviewing help.
- **Career Advisors** – Set up an appointment with your Career Advisor to go over the interviewing process, as well as running through a more advanced mock interview. Career Advisors are a good option to consider if you are seeking more job specific interviewing tips.
- **Career Center Workshops** – Register for such interviewing workshops as “Interviewing Skills” or “Advanced Interviewing Skills” in DePaul.Experience.
- **For other interviewing resources** – Please visit: [http://careercenter.depaul.edu/resumes/default.aspx](http://careercenter.depaul.edu/resumes/default.aspx)
Salary Resources:


- **Salary.com**: [http://www.salary.com](http://www.salary.com)

- **Wage web**: [http://www.wageweb.com](http://www.wageweb.com)

- **NACE Salary Survey 2008**: [http://careercenter.depaul.edu/_downloads/sschartSP08.gif](http://careercenter.depaul.edu/_downloads/sschartSP08.gif)

- **Indeed.com’s Salary Search**: [http://www indeed.com/salary](http://www indeed.com/salary)


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**Learn more about “Step 4: Putting it all Together”…Check out these Career Center Workshops**

- How to Build a Portfolio
- Interviewing Skills
- Job Search Strategies in a Challenging Job Market
- Negotiation Skills