HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
academic & career ADVISING CENTER

Career Guide: Anthropology

Anthropology is a holistic science dedicated to the study of human cultural and biological diversity and evolution. At Humboldt, students acquire a solid foundation in all four anthropological subfields: *Cultural anthropology* examines cultural beliefs and practices, in terms of their cultural specificity and through cross-cultural comparison. *Linguistic anthropology* focuses on relationships between language and culture. *Biological anthropology* investigates human biological evolution and variation by exploring evolutionary theory, modern and fossil humans, and non-human primates. *Archaeology* studies past and present cultures and cultural heritage preservation by documenting and analyzing material remains.

A full understanding of human biology and diversity and experience working with people from different backgrounds are important assets in our increasingly diverse world. In that respect, very few disciplines can prepare you for success like Anthropology. A bachelor's degree in Anthropology also provides you with strong research and presentation skills—both of which have consistently helped our graduates excel in a wide range of careers.

Related Job Titles

The following list is not meant to be all inclusive; many other job alternatives and titles may exist. Many of the job titles listed require further education.

- Anthropologist
- Archeologist
- Museum Curator
- Advertising Executive
- Forensic Anthropologist
- Primatologist
- Healthcare Researcher
- Conservationist
- Multimedia Design
- Environmental Analyst
- Community Relations Worker
- Non-Profit Manager
- Community Outreach
- Cultural Resources Manager
- Customs Agent
- Pre-Med/Medical Professional
- Case Manager
- Social Services
- Social Worker
- Advocate
- Archivist
- Urban Planner
- Policy Analyst
- Research Specialist/Assistant
- Market Researcher
- Detective
- College Faculty
- Lab Manager
- Law Enforcement
- Consultant

Possible Employers

Private:

Research Institutes
Museums and Zoos
Cultural Resource Centers
Laboratories
Community Based Non-profits
Activists & Conservation Organizations
NGO's
Community Transition Programs
Crime Prevention Programs
Youth Intervention Programs
Historical Societies and Sites
Publishers

Federal Agencies:

Diplomatic Services and Embassies
Peace Corps
National Park Service
Immigration & Customs Departments
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Central Intelligence Agency
Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of the Interior
Nat. Resources Conservation Service
Department of Education
AmeriCorps
National Security Council
U.S. Armed Forces
National Science Foundation
Dept. of Health & Human Services
Food & Drug Administration

State, County & Local Agencies:

State Parks, Parks & Recreation Depts.
City/Regional Planning Departments
Environmental Education Programs
Social Service Agencies
Tribal Programs
Conservation Departments.
Community Outreach Programs
Public and Environmental Health
Law Enforcement/Probation Depts.
Coroner's Office
Historic Preservation Offices
State Executive & Legislative Offices
Museums, Zoos and Libraries
Universities and Colleges
Laboratories

A 4-year College Degree is designed to give you the **Top Skills** employers are looking for, According to the **National Association of Colleges and Employers,** those skills and abilities are:

- Effective Communication
- Working in a team structure
- Making decisions/solving problems
- Planning/organizing and prioritizing work
- Obtaining and processing information
- Analyzing quantitative data
- Proficiency with computers and software
- Creating and editing written reports
- Selling and influencing others

Marketable Skills In Your Major

Human Relations
- Cross-cultural understanding
- Leading/participating with groups
- Perception of different ways of life

Cultural
- Gathering information
- Conducting field studies
- Sampling and surveying

Scientific
- Laboratory skills
- Researching origins and uses of artifacts
- Examining development over time

Investigative
- Observing people/data/things
- Organizing ideas/materials/objects/people
- Analyzing relationships between factors

Academic and Career Advising Center Services

Drop-In hours: Monday – Friday, 10 am – 1 pm : Quick academic and career advice and drop-in resume/cover letter review. Drop-ins are handy for the following types of services:

• Job Search Basics • Basic DARS Review • Quick Resume Review • Declaring a Major/Major Change
• Adding a Minor • Navigating HSU Handshake • How to Use DARS Degree Planner • Cover Letter Review

Academic and Career Advisors (Please call 707-826-3341 or visit Gist Hall 114 to make an appointment)
Our helpful team of academic and career advisors can help you get the most out of your college experience with the following and much more during an individual appointment:

• Academic Planning • Full-time Job Search • DARS Questions
• 4- Year Plans • Major Change Advising • GE Information
• Internship Search • Federal Work Study • Mock Interview
• Volunteer Opportunities • Career Assessment • Adding a Second Major
• Graduate School Application • How to use DARS Degree Planner •Withdrawal or Transfer Advice
• Personal Statement

HSU Handshake (online job database and more!): Search for campus jobs, internships, summer jobs, community service, work-study, etc. Register for workshops and special events. Go to www.humboldt.edu/acac to register on HSU Handshake or call 707-826-3341 for assistance.

Events and Workshops (Contact us for more information!)
- Part-time Job Fair - *August*
- Graduate and Professional School Fair - *September*
- Internship Week - *February*
- Career & Volunteer Expo - *February*
- *Ready, Set, Register!* Semester Bulletin - *Fall/ Spring*
- Educator Fair - *March*
- How to Find Part-Time Jobs Workshop - *March*
- How to Find an Internship Workshop - *On-Going*
- Getting the Most out of Career Expo Workshop - *On-going*
- Research Graduate Schools Workshop - *February*
- Federal Resume & Application Open Labs - *Fall*
- How to Find Internships in Your Home Town Workshop - *Spring*

Looking for professional development opportunities for your on-campus club or organization?
• Request a Career Advisor to give a group presentation on subjects like resume development or job search.