

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology







ABOUT THE B.A. IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Anthropologists ask, "What does it mean to be human?" The drive to answer this fundamental question spurs them to multidisciplinary research among the interrelated fields of culture, social relations, human biology and evolution, behavioral science, languages, music, art, architecture, and history. They study how human behavior changes over time, why and how people from different geographical locations and cultures are different and the same, and how humans have evolved over millions of years. As our environment and climate change rapidly, the need to understand how humans relate to their environments and to each other in a cross-cultural and global context becomes ever more crucial.

The B.A. degree in Anthropology at St. John's University exposes you to the four main branches of anthropology: cultural anthropology, linguistics, physical anthropology, and archaeology. The overall applied dimensions of these areas are reinforced through learning distinctive skills, such as applying theories, employing research methodologies, formulating and testing hypotheses, developing and analyzing extensive qualitative and quantitative data sets, and celebrating human cultural and biological diversity.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A B.A. IN ANTHROPOLOGY?

Anthropologists are prized in a wide array of fields for their research and analytical skills. With technology providing new ways for companies and organizations to collect unprecedented amounts of data on human behavior, there is a growing need for analysts and researchers with critical thinking skills who can manage, evaluate, assess, and interpret these data sets.

Because of their honed research skills, as well as their intercultural understanding and ability to communicate within and across cultures, graduates with a degree in anthropology may pursue opportunities in the following diverse areas:

- Academia and education
- Biological and forensic sciences
- Business
- International and domestic law
- Non-governmental organizations
- Public health and medicine
- Research (public and private sector)
- Social sciences and social work

Undergraduate students who major in anthropology typically continue on to further graduate study in the field, or in other related fields.



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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

In an increasingly connected world, there is no better time to be an anthropologist. Anthropology is an applied academic discipline with a holistic focus on understanding cultural and biological diversity. It strives to apply critical thinking and research skills to develop working solutions to cross-cultural and global concerns that impact our species. The global and local expertise of our faculty and their commitment to community engagement and social justice are central to their research and teaching. In and out of the classroom, our students are actively involved in activities and research that prepare them to succeed in advocacy, business, public service, research, and teaching careers designed for the 21st century.

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RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As an anthropology major, you may apply to the combined B.A./M.B.A. program in Anthropology and Business Administration in the second semester of your sophomore year. We also encourage you to double major or minor in another field; you may apply some credits to double major in Sociology, in consultation with an advisor.

St. John's offers the Sigma chapter of Lambda Alpha, the national honor society for anthropology, which connects students who achieve academic success in the field with networking, internship, research, and other professional and academic opportunities.

The University's exciting study abroad programs in Europe, Latin America, and Asia offer real world experience to expand your cultural understanding. For more information about study abroad, please visit **www.stjohns.edu/global**.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

St. John's University strives to place an outstanding higher education within the financial reach of all qualified applicants. Each academic year, the Office of Student Financial Services awards more than \$500 million in aid to students who demonstrate financial need. The Office of Undergraduate Admission also awards highly competitive academic scholarships.

For more information about scholarships and financial aid, please visit **www.stjohns.edu/services/financial**.

PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS

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