

Finding a Graduate School

Finding Anthropology Graduate Schools

- If there is an area of research you are interested in, go to a professor here who knows something about it and ask for recommendations. They should be able to tell you some universities that are good in the area, and perhaps some people they think are especially good.
- Was there some research you learned about in one of your classes that sounded fascinating – or an author whose work you really liked? Perhaps you would like to study under the person who did that research. Find out where they teach, and check out the website of the scholar and the school.
- The American Anthropological Association is divided into “sections”. Go to <http://www.aaanet.org/sections/> and click on the name of a section that looks interesting. Many of these sections have useful information about the field, and some also have a list of schools specializing in that area.
- <http://www.aaanet.org/sections/interestgroups.cfm> is similar to the site above, except they are interest groups, not sections.

Finding Professional Graduate Schools

Anthropology can prepare you for graduate training in many professions. Law, business, medicine, nursing, public health, pharmacy, occupational therapy, etc. all require graduate training, and anthropology is a good undergraduate degree for all of them. Now is a good time to think about this, so that you can plan your program around their admission requirements.

- **Health-Related Professional Schools.** If you are interested in a medically-related field, start with the pre-professional advising office, <http://www.premed.utah.edu/>, and talk to them about how to find a school appropriate for you. The department’s health emphasis brochure also has advice and links.
- **Law School.** If you are interested in law school, look at http://www.sa.utah.edu/advice/pre_law.shtml and click on “pre-law advising”.
- **Occupational Therapy.** The Occupational Therapy faculty are interested in people with anthropology backgrounds. Learn about this professional masters program here: <http://www.health.utah.edu/ot/>
- **Business.** Marketing is a one of the areas of business that uses anthropological skills. See <http://www.business.utah.edu/marketing/>. Other corporations are also using the skills of ethnographers; see the news articles on the homepage for examples.
- **Interdisciplinary Programs.** There are several inter-disciplinary graduate degree and certificate programs that could build on an anthropology degree. Three interdisciplinary masters degrees within the College of Social and Behavioral Science are the Master of Public Policy, Master of Public Administration, and Master of Science in International Affairs & Global Enterprise. There are also certificate programs at the U in demography, gerontology, and other areas.