



EMPOWER YOURSELF

Degrees Offered

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
- Master of Arts (MA)
- Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- Bachelor of Science (BS)
- Minor

Why Choose Anthropology?

If you're interested in the evolution, prehistory, adaptations and diversity of ancient and modern humans, their ancestors and relatives then an anthropology degree is for you. In both our BS and BA in anthropology degree programs you will study different aspects of anthropology, including biological, cultural and linguistic anthropology, and archaeology.

Career/Professional Opportunities

Anthropology graduates typically pursue career opportunities in academia, state and federal government agencies, private industry and museums. These jobs can include cultural resource management, forensics and subsistence. Most careers in anthropology require graduate degrees. Academic jobs normally require a doctorate.

About Us

The Department of Anthropology, created in 1935, offers a balanced and flexible program of academic courses and research opportunities in cultural anthropology, archaeology, physical anthropology and linguistic anthropology. Although special attention is given to the circumpolar North, faculty members maintain active research programs elsewhere, such as Africa and other regions of North America.

UAF Department of Anthropology

An equal number of undergraduate and graduate students are in residence, with an average 1:5 faculty to graduate student ratio in most classes.

Undergraduate research opportunities.

Our award-winning faculty members are active researchers who are widely published.

Internships and scholarships are available.

Program Highlights

- Learn from instructors with practical experience in various fields of anthropology
- Field work opportunities are available and are encouraged; field schools provide students with instruction and hands-on experience in methods of field research.
- Study abroad opportunities

Research Facilities Available to Students

- University of Alaska Museum of the North
- Alaska Native Language Center
- Alaska Quaternary Center
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Laboratory
- Oral History Archives
- Zooarchaeology & Environmental Archaeology Laboratory
- Physical Anthropology Laboratory
- Anthropology Department Bio-Research Laboratory

Sample Classes

- Circumpolar Archaeology
- Ecological Anthropology
- Paleoanthropology
- Human Biology
- World Prehistory
- The Oral Traditions: Folklore and Oral History
- Native Cultures of Alaska
- Anthropology of Religion
- Political Anthropology
- Ethnography of Siberia
- The People of Alaskan Southeast
- Human Osteology

WHAT IS ANTHROPOLOGY?

Anthropology is the study of humankind — our societies, cultures, beliefs and communication methods throughout time. Anthropology contributes to an understanding of the complex problems of human behavior, biology, language, cultural and social organization, and the relationship of humans to their environments. Sociocultural anthropology contributes to an understanding of the complex problems of human behavior, cultural and social organization, and the relationship of human groups to various environments. Archaeological and human ecological research provide information about past and present modes of living, culture change and origins, and distribution of peoples in the Arctic and subarctic.



RECENT THESES

- Diet and dental health in Predynastic Egypt
- Molecular analysis of treponematoses in ancient mummies of the Andes
- Shadow networks, border economies and organized crime in the Russian Far East
- Indigenous emotional economies in Alaska
- Timing and resolution of Denbigh occupations at Onion Portage, Alaska
- An analysis of faunal remains from the Susitna hydroelectric project

SPECIALIZATIONS

Biological Anthropology Specializations

- dental anthropology
- paleopathology
- human osteology and human variation
- bioarchaeology
- evolutionary genetics

Archaeology Specializations

- zooarchaeology
- intersite variability
- Holocene adaptations
- colonization of the Americas
- archaeological GIS modeling

Sociocultural Specializations

- nutritional ecology
- community health
- historical and ethnic consciousness
- social organization
- ethnohistory

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Review the admission requirements at www.uaf.edu/admissions/.
2. Click the "apply now" link for directions on the application process or proceed directly to the online application for admission through UAOnline at <http://uaonline.alaska.edu>.
3. Once on UAOnline select "Apply for Admission or Check on Status of Application" and follow the directions on the screen.