

ANTHROPOLOGY, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

The Anthropology minor is designed to provide undergraduate students with exposure to the range of human variation across time and space. Our minors enroll in courses that explore that variation through the subdisciplines of archaeological, biological, and cultural anthropology. We maintain laboratory facilities in all three subdisciplines and the Matson Museum of Anthropology, all excellent learning facilities for our students. In addition, the department offers summer field school opportunities in cultural anthropology and archaeology. A Minor in Anthropology is excellent preparation for further study in any discipline that requires ability to understand and deal with other cultures, for example, teaching, counseling, business, medicine, law, or communications.

What is Anthropology?

Anthropology is the study of humanity - our biology, behavior, cultural complexity, and evolution. Anthropologists study living people across cultures and populations; past people through the fossil, archaeological, and historical records; as well as living and extinct nonhuman primates. Anthropologists document, describe, and seek to understand biological and cultural variation in humans both past and present as a way to understand and explain the human condition. The field is divided into several integrated areas of study. Archaeology focuses on past societies, both ancient and historic, in order to understand and explain culture change over time. Biological Anthropology describes and explains human biological variation today and in the past. Human Ecology or Cultural Anthropology studies contemporary societies and cultures and their interactions with the environment.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You are interested in human cultural and biological variation and you want to understand human behavior and biology.
- You find human diversity fascinating and want to explore and understand the human condition.
- You want to study important questions such as 'what makes us human?' and 'what is the origin and importance of human diversity?'
- You want to pursue a career in anthropological research, museum curation, education, health professions, law, non-governmental organizations, or international relations.