Study Anthropology. Do anything.



97% of recent Notre Dame Anthropology majors found success within six months of graduation.

49% started full-time jobs

- Admissions officer, St. Olaf College
- Analyst, Petsky Prunier
- Archives technician, U.S. National Archives and Records Administration
- Assistant director of development, Little Sisters of the Poor
- Associate buyer, Target
- Associate, Robert Walters
- Clinical informatics specialist, Oak Street Health
- Clinical research coordinator, Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine
- Consultant, Huron Consulting Group
- Customer success manager, Greenlight Guru
- Field technician, PaleoWest
- Latin teacher, Cathedral High School
- Newsletter intern, *The Dallas Morning News*
- Paralegal, Cohen Milstein
- Program aide, Picuris Pueblo Education Department
- Project manager, Boston Art Inc.
- Research assistant, University of California at San Diego
- Spatial experience designer, Haworth
- Teacher, Cristo Rey Saint Martin College Prep
- Youth development programmer, Boys and Girls Club

30% enrolled in graduate or professional school

Anthropology: Louisiana State University, University of Maryland, Mississippi State University, University of South Florida

Biomedical science: University of Texas

Communication sciences and disorders: Northern Arizona University

Curriculum and instruction: Boston College

Global health: Trinity College Dublin

Human paleobiology: George Washington University

International human rights: University of Denver

Law: University of Columbia, University of Georgia

Linguistics: University of California, Berkeley

Medicine: Loyola University Chicago, Rutgers University, University of Arkansas, University of Florida, University of Virginia

Museum studies: University College London

Public history and cultural heritage: Trinity College Dublin

Public policy and philosophy: George Washington University

Social work: University of Michigan

Urban design: University of North Carolina at Charlotte

10% entered service programs

- Alliance for Catholic Education, San Antonio, Texas
- AmeriCorps, San Francisco
- Fulbright Student Program, Mexico
- House of Brigid, Wexford, Ireland
- Pacific Alliance for Catholic Education, Honolulu, Hawaii
- Teach for America, Chicago
- Pathways Development Initiative, Uganda
- Teach for America, New Orleans, Louisiana

8% pursued other opportunities*

(Completing an internship, joining the military, conducting research, taking a gap year, pursuing independent creative or freelance work, or volunteering)

Source: Meruelo Family Center for Career Development First Destination Reports, 2020-24

Curriculum requirements

2 of 4 fundamentals courses — Biological Anthropology; Archaeology; Social and Cultural Anthropology; or Linguistic Anthropology
Perspectives in Anthropological Analysis
1 methods course
18 credits of Anthropology electives,
including 6 at 40000 level

Mary Pacheco '20

Anthropology major

First: Social content marketer, Media Logic

Now: Supported education and employment specialist, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University School of Medicine

"From linguistics to evolution, current events to health, food culture to environmental justice — everything I was curious about had a place in Anthropology. I even created a podcast series for my senior thesis and designed an independent study on social media. I was never told 'no' — not when I wanted to take courses across departments, not when I proposed unconventional projects, and not when I brought internship ideas to faculty. Everything I wanted to study somehow fit under the umbrella of Anthropology. That kind of academic freedom was incredibly empowering.

"In my current role supporting young adults navigating early psychosis, I use Anthropology all the time. I rely heavily on my ability to synthesize research quickly and to engage with people from all backgrounds with cultural humility. Anthropology gave me the tools to understand mental health not just through a clinical lens, but through a sociocultural one, so I can approach experiences that might seem unfamiliar or stigmatized with curiosity rather than judgment. That mindset is essential when working with clients in early psychosis. More broadly, Anthropology taught me how to have nuanced conversations, ask better questions, and build rapport across differences, which benefits me every single day.

"Studying Anthropology set me up to be a lifelong learner. It taught me how to think critically, communicate clearly, and remain open to different ways of understanding the world. Whether I'm in a professional setting or a casual conversation, I feel confident engaging on a wide range of topics — culture, biology, language, history — because I've built a foundation across all of them. The major also taught me how to engage in respectful disagreement and listen to perspectives different from my own, which is vital in any workplace, relationship, or community."

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