Anthropology

Anthropology (ANT) majors and minors learn to understand and explain human cultural, behavioral, and biological variation through time and space. At Stony Brook University, the major emphasizes the fields of cultural anthropology, archaeology, and biological anthropology, and includes course offerings that reflect the research work of the department’s faculty. Students who pursue this degree learn organization, analytical and critical thinking, and how to be successful researchers.

A closer look at the Anthropology and Archaeology job market reveals encouraging numbers. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, “the employment of anthropologists and archaeologists is expected to grow 21 percent from 2010 to 2020…” But these numbers only represent a slither of the overall Anthropology degree holders’ careers. Many write books, work in forensics, or are employed in multinational corporations and businesses. Companies need Anthropology majors and minors to study customers, cultures, and buying power before investing in products and services.

Transferable Skills

- Clear and critical thinking
- Deep understanding of culture
- Cross-cultural understanding
- Interpretation of maps & data
- Didactic skills
- Communication/writing skills
- Rhetorical analysis
- Problem solving

Career Communities to Consider

- Research
- Business
- Public Service
- Education & Helping Profession

Fun Stuff

The author of the book Jurassic Park, John Michael Crichton, held a degree in Applied Anthropology.