

ANTHROPOLOGY/ARCHAEOLOGY

What can I do with this degree?

AREAS

EMPLOYERS

STRATEGIES

EDUCATION

Teaching
Research
Excavation

Universities/colleges/community colleges

Ph.D. required for university and college faculty positions.
M.A./M.S. required for community colleges.

MUSEUMS

Curators
Conservation
Research
Education

Museums:
universities
state, federal or local
private

Graduate degree required.
Obtain internship or volunteer positions to gain experience.

GOVERNMENT

Administration
Cultural Resource Management
Surveying
Site Management
Excavation
Research
Museum Conservation
Legislative Compliance Review
Program Management
Urban Planning

Federal:
Bureau of Land Management
Central Intelligence Agency
Department of Health and Human Services
Federal Bureau of Investigation
National Institutes of Health
National Park Service
Public Health Service
Smithsonian Institute
Tennessee Valley Authority
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Department of State
U.S. Forest Service

Learn federal or state application procedures.
Graduate degree generally required.

State:
Historic Preservation Offices
Parks Departments
Highway Departments

PRIVATE SECTOR

Cultural Resource Management
Research

Consulting firms
Environmental/engineering companies
Firms specializing in archaeological investigation
Laboratories or centers within universities

Field positions require a B.S./B.A. and previous field experience.
Obtain graduate degree to direct field crews.

AREAS

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STRATEGIES

BUSINESS

Administration/Management
Advertising
Human Resources
Public Relations
Sales/Marketing
Writing/Editing

Advertising agencies/departments
Business firms
Publishers:
 textbook, magazine, newspaper, book
Retail

Develop practical skills such as computer expertise, written and verbal communication, project management, etc.
Consider a minor in business.
Gain experience through internships, volunteer or paid positions.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Administration
Counseling
Research

Nonprofit organizations
Social service agencies
Foundations

Obtain a degree in counseling for therapy positions.
Seek volunteer and internship positions to gain experience.
Hone skills in public speaking, writing, programming.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Most professional anthropological and archeological jobs require a graduate degree.
- Those interested in anthropology may specialize in one of its four branches: archeology, sociocultural, linguistic, or biological/physical.
- May need a willingness to travel and endure adverse living/working conditions during field studies or excavations. Working conditions and hours vary with the type of work/research performed.
- As the demand for university/college faculty positions decrease, most openings will be in consulting firms and government agencies.
- For jobs outside of academia, earn a degree in another field such as sociology, political science, law, medicine, business, urban planning, or public administration to increase employment opportunities.
- Anthropology is good preparation for jobs that involve people skills and require an understanding of cultural differences.
- Spend a summer in field school.
- Volunteer to help with a professor's research.