



Anthropology investigates what it means to be human based on careful observation and analysis of people's real lives, all over the world.

Why study anthropology?

Anthropology is both an art and a science. We combine the humanities' desire to find meaning in our diverse experiences with the sciences' search for evidence of how societies work. Anthropologists argue that culture determines not only how people live, but how they see the world. The anthropologist's tools of immersive, participatory, field observation and qualitative analysis can help us understand contemporary problems and situations like climate change, racial justice, global health inequalities, and the social impacts of technology.

Anthropologists work everywhere

Anthropology graduates work in every field, in the public, nonprofit, and private sectors. The skills you gain from cultural anthropology are highly desired by employers because they help you create new solutions to complex problems. Students of anthropology find careers in journalism, social policy, research, advertising, and social justice. In a world of technical expertise, society needs people who know how to see the invisible context of everyday life. That's why everyone wants to acquire "the ethnographer's magic" (Malinowski 1922, 6).

Anthropology units of study

ANTH1001 Introduction to Anthropology
ANTH1002 Anthropology in the World
ANTH2606 Culture and the Unconscious
ANTH2629 Race and Ethnic Relations
ANTH2700 Key Debates in Anthropology
ANTH3603 Sea of Islands: Anthropology in Oceania
ANTH3604 The Anthropocene
ANTH3618 Indigenous Australians Today
ANTH3653 Economy and Culture
ANTH3700 Practicing Anthropology

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Left: A young woman reads her phone while selling coconut juice at an outdoor market in Kampot, Cambodia. © Linda Connor, 2015.

Right: Young men riding motorcycles in a car park, Chiang Mai, northern Thailand. © Anjalee Cohen, 2003.

Malinowski, Bronislaw. 1922. *Argonauts of The Western Pacific*. London: George Routledge and Sons, Ltd.