

## Contact

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## Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
- 2 Algebra I & II
- 1 Geometry
- 2 Lab Science (*including biology*)
- 3 History/Social Studies
- 2 Foreign Language (*same language or two years of American Sign Language-ASL*)
- 1 Fine Arts (*music, drawing, photography, dance, etc.*)
- Academic electives (*to equal at least 17 total credits*)

*To ensure current mathematical skills, students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.*

## Major Requirements

### Anthropology

37 credits Anthropology

*Note: ANT 101, ANT 102, ANT 300, ANT 317, the Capstone Experience (ANT 492) and nine additional credits must be taken at MAINE*

### International Affairs/Anthropology

- 27 credits Anthropology
- 6 credits Canadian Studies
- 6 credits History
- 6 credits Modern Language (*1 year beyond intermediate proficiency*)
- 6 credits Political Science
- 6 credits Women's Studies

120 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation

## College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

## Program Description

Anthropology is the study of human cultures, societies, and behavior in all parts of the world throughout all periods of history. There are four sub-disciplines: **archaeology**—the study of prehistoric cultures and civilizations; **socio-cultural anthropology**—the study of current cultures in all degrees of complexity; **physical anthropology**—the biological aspects of the human species; and **anthropological linguistics**—the scientific study of language and its relationship to thought and society. In the past, anthropologists tended to study people in small, tribal societies. In recent decades, more attention has been given to peasantry and industrialized, urban societies and to applying Anthropology to solving problems of these societies. Students interested in archaeology regularly join in department-sponsored excavations and assist in laboratory analysis.

Students have completed internships on archaeology field and laboratory projects and as research assistants and interviewers on projects in medical anthropology, hunter-gatherer studies, marine resource management, and demographic studies. Some internships our students have performed are: Preservation Intern, National Trust for Historic Preservation; Intern, Asian American Resource Workshop; Human Resource Intern, International Paper; Museum Intern, Smithsonian Institute.

## Career Opportunities

Anthropology provides very broad training in the social sciences. Therefore, it is useful in any career where an understanding of people or the societies in which they live is important. Due to the broad nature of the field, students trained in Anthropology have followed a variety of careers. In recent years, our graduates have pursued advanced training in anthropology and folklore. They have also gone on to advanced training in such diverse fields as international business, law, social work, theology, library science, education, clinical psychology, and the military.

## General Education Requirements\*

- ENG 101 College Composition
- 18 credits Human Values & Social Context area (*a single course may satisfy more than 1 sub-category, but a total of 18 credits must be completed*)
  - Western Cultural Tradition
  - Social Context & Institutions
  - Cultural Diversity & International Perspectives
  - Population & the Environment
  - Artistic & Creative Expression
- 2 courses Designated Writing Intensive (*1 must be within the major*)
- 2 courses Biological or Physical Sciences (*must include at least 1 laboratory course*)
- 1 course Ethics (*emphasis on discussion of ethical issues in 1 course or series of courses*)
- 6 credits Mathematics (*including statistics & some computer science, only 3 credits in computer science can count toward this requirement*)
- 1 capstone An approved experience in which the student integrates the components of his or her undergraduate training to perform at a professional level. The capstone experience is usually completed during the senior year in consultation with the student's academic advisor.

*\*All UMaine students must complete these general education requirements, which are counted in the total credit hours required for graduation and may be contained in the Major Requirements previously listed.*

## **Specialized Information**

The Department of Anthropology offers a minor in Anthropology. The minor is open to all undergraduate, degree-seeking University of Maine students and requires the completion of 18 credit hours in Anthropology courses.

## **Graduate Study**

Opportunities exist for study at the Master and Doctor of Philosophy levels. At the University of Maine students may obtain a Master of Science degree in Quaternary and Climate Studies with a concentration in Prehistoric Archaeology through the Climate Change Institute.

Advanced study in Anthropology normally requires use of quantitative methods, foreign language competency, and some theoretical sophistication. Consequently, students planning to do graduate work in Anthropology should take a course in statistics such as ANT 462 Numerical Methods in Anthropology, and achieve foreign language competency at the intermediate level. A knowledge of statistics and one or more foreign languages is required in most Ph.D. programs in Anthropology. Those interested in graduate work in archaeology should take some 500 level courses in Anthropology.

### **Academic Programs 2008-2009**

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