

# UMSL Anthropology

## Why UMSL?

- We can take you around the world. Our faculty have carried out fieldwork in ethnography, archaeology, and primatology around the world. Learn about ways of life in Nigeria, Ghana, Guatemala, Peru, Greece, China, Hong Kong, Papua New Guinea, Sulawesi, Mexico and more.
- Get hands-on archaeology experience and dig into the history of Missouri and Greece. Our summer field schools conduct excavations in 1,000-year-old Paleoindian life (Cahokia Mounds, IL), 1,100-year-old Mesoamerican life (Nayarit, Mexico) and ancient Mycenaean life (Iklaina, Greece). Our archaeology lab offers you the opportunity to work with one of the largest collections of artifacts from the Eastern Missouri/St. Louis area, from Paleoindian to the 20th century.
- Investigate fossil casts of human ancestors and solve crimes from skeletal remains. Our physical anthropology classes teach about human evolution, our primate relatives, and forensic anthropology.
- Get excellent preparation for graduate school. We have one of the few undergraduate programs in the U.S. in which students design and carry out an original research project, present it before the faculty and write it up into a 30-50 page thesis.
- We are one of only two anthropology departments in the St. Louis metro area!

## Career Outlook

The Department of Anthropology's mission is to provide the skills, knowledge, and vision for 21st century leaders to understand and consider the interests of all peoples in the community. We aim for a collaborative learning and research environment, built with university and community partners, designed to address critical issues of culture change and adaptation in global society.

Through research, teaching, and service, the Department of Anthropology helps people become more skilled in the application of theories and achieve practical solutions to community problems. We train students to understand cultural patterns and negotiate the cultural boundaries of society as defined by interdependent, yet competing, peoples and cultures. This training takes place in library, classroom and field settings.

The BA in anthropology equips the student for employment in almost any area in which a bachelor's degree is sufficient and a sensitivity to cultural values is important. Graduates of UMSL's program have found employment as university professors, lawyers, in archaeology research programs, planning programs, health-care delivery, human services, government service, teaching, computer systems design,

university administration, and many other areas. The employment forecast for people with MA and PhD degrees in anthropology is excellent and is also good for bachelor degree graduates wishing to work in the business sector or to take advanced degrees in related fields.

## **Undergraduate Studies**

### **Degrees and Areas of Concentration**

A bachelor of arts in anthropology is offered with a focus on applied and theoretical skills. The anthropology faculty is actively involved in social, cultural, archaeological and bioanthropological research in St. Louis and rural Missouri, China, Ghana, Greece and elsewhere. These activities allow students to practice newly acquired skills and do independent research at the undergraduate level. The projects University of Missouri–St. Louis students have worked on include studies of Soulard Farmers Market, the lives of nuns and monks in monasteries, pre-game rituals of the St. Louis Blues, economic self-development of native American Indian peoples, the adjustment of foreign students to UMSL and the role of advertising in creating culture.

They have worked on numerous archaeological digs of Native American, African-American, Greek, Chinese, and Byzantine cultures, and have played a role in preserving archaeological sites from destruction. Papers written by students have been presented at professional meetings, published in journals and presented to government agencies for use in development and planning.

Paid undergraduate positions are available on a competitive basis to anthropology majors as biological anthropology teaching lab assistants, faculty research assistants, Center for Human Origin & Cultural Diversity lab teachers working with school groups, and staff interns at the St. Louis Art Museum and elsewhere.

### **General Education Requirements**

Majors must satisfy the university and college general education requirements. Any foreign language may be used to meet the language requirement for the B.A. degree. Six hours of credit will be accepted for courses taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U) basis from any departmental elective. The statistics requirements may be taken on an S/U basis. All other required courses for the major must be completed with a grade of C or better.

## **Degree Requirements**

### **Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology**

Candidates must complete the following core requirements:

- ANTHRO 1005, Introduction to Biological Anthropology
- ANTHRO 1011, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- ANTHRO 1019, Introduction to Archaeology

ANTHRO 3202, Culture, Politics, and Social Organization  
SOC 3220, Sociological Statistics, or any other college-level statistics course  
ANTHRO 4301, Ideas and Explanations in Anthropology  
ANTHRO 4308, Practicum in Cultural Research Methods, or  
ANTHRO 4310, Laboratory Methods in Archaeology  
ANTHRO 4315, Senior Seminar  
ANTHRO 4316, Senior Seminar Tutorial  
One archaeology area course in anthropology numbered 2100–2199  
One culture area course in anthropology numbered 2100–2199  
Two courses in anthropology numbered 3200–3299, in addition to 3202

Students may elect to take up to, but not to exceed, 12 additional hours in anthropology courses of their choice.

### **Minor in Cultural Anthropology or Archaeology**

The minors are designed to offer students a flexible introduction to the fundamentals of the discipline to complement their major field of study. The archaeology minor allows them to complement their skills set with general archaeological knowledge and practical experience in either laboratory or excavation methods. A cultural anthropology minor is advisable for anyone planning a career with intercultural or international dimensions, where understanding of cultural diversity is useful.

#### **Archaeology Minor**

ANTHRO 1019, Introduction to Archaeology  
One anthropology course at the 2100-2199-level with an archaeological emphasis.  
One elective anthropology course at any level—archaeological emphasis is not required.  
ANTHRO 4310, Laboratory Methods in Archaeology OR  
ANTHRO 4309, Archaeological Field School

#### **Cultural Anthropology Minor**

ANTHRO 1011, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology  
One anthropology course at the 2100-2199-level with a cultural emphasis.  
One anthropology course at the 3200-3299-level with a cultural emphasis.  
One elective anthropology course at any level—cultural emphasis is not required.  
ANTHRO 4301, Ideas and Explanations in Anthropology OR ANTHRO 4308, Practicum in Cultural Research Methods

Grades of C or better should be attained in all courses used to satisfy these requirements. One elective course taken on satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis may be applied toward the minor.

#### **Archaeology Certificate**

The Archaeology Certificate will provide applied training to students who could be hired to assist professional archaeologists in St. Louis area firms. It provides training in both laboratory

and field methods. It includes an internship, which can be arranged with the University of Missouri–St. Louis archaeology lab or with a local institution, including Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, Missouri Historical Society, Mastodon State Historic Site, and others.

ANTHRO 1019, Introduction to Archaeology

One anthropology course at the 2100-2199-level with an archaeological emphasis.

One anthropology course at the 3200-3299-level with an archaeological emphasis.

ANTHRO 4310, Laboratory Methods in Archaeology

ANTHRO 4309, Archaeological Field School

ANTHRO 4326, Internship in Archaeology (1-6 credit hours)