

Graduate Programs

Upon graduating from Appalachian, many of our students decide to pursue an advanced education in anthropology. Across the country, graduate programs like the ones listed below have offered our graduates excellent opportunities to be further immersed in anthropology and other related fields.

- Boston University, Forensic Anthropology
- Durham University, Paleopathology
- Bournemouth University, Osteoarchaeology
- UNC Chapel Hill, Medical Anthropology
- Arizona State University, Bioarchaeology
- George Washington University, Anthropology
- Louisiana State University, Public Health
- University College London, Dental and Skeletal Bioarchaeology

Careers in Anthropology

The anthropology curriculum prepares our students for a wide range of careers in human service fields or for further anthropological research opportunities. Below is a list of jobs that our students have landed after graduation.

- Medical Examiner Specialist, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for North Carolina
- Researcher in Biological and Human Computation, University of New Mexico
- Biological Science Technician, Padre Island National Seashore, National Park Service
- Project Coordinator for HIV medication adherence research, UNC Chapel Hill
- Rural Health Instructor, Wake Forest University School of Medicine

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Welcome

As one of the fastest-growing departments at Appalachian, the Department of Anthropology is committed to a comparative and holistic approach to the study of the human experience.

The anthropological perspective provides a broad understanding of the origins as well as the meaning of physical and cultural diversity in the world - past, present, and future.



About the Concentration

Earning a concentration in Biological Anthropology is a great way to learn more about human and non-human primate biology from an evolutionary and biocultural perspective. Biological anthropology is a diverse field of study, encompassing primatology, human evolution, bioarchaeology, paleopathology, evolutionary medicine and forensic anthropology. Students learn under professors with vast research experience and engage in courses that use the department's top-of-the-line technological resources and research materials.

Program Requirements

- Completion of General Education requirements
- Fulfillment of at least 48 credit hours within the discipline
- Completion of required major courses
- Completion of at least one statistics course
- Engagement in 3 credit hours of methodology courses
- Completion of 9 credit hours of seminar
- Completion of Senior Capstone in area of interest
- 2.0 GPA minimum required for graduation

Our Students

A degree in Biological Anthropology can provide students with the foundation to seek further opportunities to answer important scientific questions through careers or graduate research. Kelly Elaine Blevins, Class of 2014, has used her undergraduate experience at Appalachian to catalyze her research in paleopathology. After graduating from Appalachian, Blevins began her graduate career at the University of Durham in northeast England where she is interested in the interaction between infectious disease and past populations. Kelly says that her studies as an undergraduate encouraged her "to be an independent researcher."



Sample Courses

- ANT 2222 The Living Primates
- ANT 3220 Human Biological Variation
- ANT 3300 Human Osteology
- ANT 3305 Forensic Anthropology
- ANT 3350 Primate Behavior & Ecology
- ANT 3532 3D Scanning & Printing Methods
- ANT 4320 Human Evolution
- ANT 4350 Human Reproduction from an Evolutionary Perspective
- ANT 4360 Primate Conservation
- ANT 4370 Paleopathology

Faculty

- **Dr. Susan M. Lappan** Primate behavioral ecology and conservation, reproductive strategies, gibbons of Indonesia and Malaysia
- **Dr. Gwen Robbins Schug** Bioarchaeology, human growth and development, bone biology, histology, human-environment interactions, paleodemography, South Asian Prehistory

Resources

- 3D Printing & Scanning Lab
- Primatology Lab
- Skeletal Biology Lab
- 2nd largest vertebrate osteological comparative collection in North Carolina
- Human and primate skeletal collections
- Fossil cast collection
- Pathology cast collection