

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
- University of Denver, Anthropology
- American University, Public Anthropology
- Wake Forest University, Sustainability
- New Mexico State University, Public History
- University of Georgia, Geology
- Vanderbilt University, Latin American Studies

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.

- Logistics Specialist- Clinton Global Initiative
- Staff Archaeologist- Statistical Research, Inc
- Consultant- the World Bank
- Market Research Analyst- U.S. Pharmacopeia
- GIS Analyst- City of Asheville
- Cultural Resource Specialist- Uni. of Alabama
- Research Assistant- Nature Magazine
- Public Outreach Organizer- North Carolina Conservation Network

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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 B.S. in Anthropology with a concentration in Multidisciplinary Anthropology allows students to balance an individualized and career-oriented plan with a foundational set of courses in anthropology. Through a multidisciplinary concentration, students will create their own course plan alongside department advisers. The multidisciplinary concentration encourages students to develop a rigorous and coherent course load that addresses important and influential aspects of anthropology.

Program Requirements

- Completion of General Education requirements
- Fulfillment of major requirements
- Completion of 30 credit hours in concentration
- Development of a Multidisciplinary Concentration Contract with department advisers
- Detail of concentration course plan with 60% of courses at 3000-4000 level or above
- 2.0 GPA minimum required for graduation

Our Students

Earning a multidisciplinary concentration can allow students to seek broader applications of anthropology. Anthropology graduate Caroline Federal, Class of 2012, has worked at the Carter Center for Human Rights, the Clinton Global Foundation, and at MIT in Cambridge, Mass. Regarding her time in the Department, Federal says that it "prepared me for my work in international development... and my experiences there will continue to benefit and inform me as I pursue my goals." In 2017, Federal was awarded



"Best Dissertation" in the London School of Economics' Comparative Politics Masters of Science program for her graduate thesis on gender politics.

Research Clusters

The research and specialization of each of our faculty members can be categorized into four groups, called research clusters. These course clusters are designed to suggest a path through which students can think about what a major in anthropology has to offer.

- **Magic, Science, Modernity** A focus on the work of anthropologists who do not view society as a hierarchy differentiated by technology, but one that considers the many different paths within the modern world.
- **Health, Development, Environment** An involvement of research and teaching on global health, political ecology, ethnobotany, landscapes, bodies, technologies, and how humans interact with fluid environments around the world.
- **Meaning, Materiality, Media** A look at everyday creation of meaning in cultural, social, epistemic, and economic exchange.
- **Colonialism, Politics, Violence** A look at the formation of the global economy in its early stages and how the consolidation of colonialism still affects our world today.

Resources

- One of three universities in North Carolina with a 3-D scanner available for training bioarchaeology undergraduates
- Notably large vertebrate osteological comparative and fossil collections
- Five research facilities
- Stephen Richard Weller Memorial Student Lounge