

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.

- Yale University, Anthropology
- American University, Public Anthropology
- Vanderbilt University, Latin American Studies
- University of Chicago, Middle Eastern Studies
- Columbia University, International Affairs
- Arizona State University, Nonprofit Studies
- London School of Economics, Comparative Politics

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.

- Mental Health Therapist
- Logistics Specialist, Clinton Global Initiative
- Student Life Instructor, North Carolina School of Math and Science
- Director of the Center of Appalachian Studies, Appalachian State University
- Program Officer, NYU's Center on International Cooperation
- 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 degree in Sociocultural Anthropology can help students better understand what it means to be human by focusing on the study of culture and society in cross-cultural contexts and looking at the social organization of people and cultures across the world. Students will study important concepts in order to gain a deep understanding of social and cultural practices across geographic regions through specialized courses on the anthropology of politics, medicine, interpretation, environment, social justice and religion.

Program Requirements

- Fulfillment of General Education requirements
- Completion of at least 6 credit hours of foreign language at intermediate level or higher
- Completion of at least 45 hours within the major and concentration
- Completion of 6 credit hours in Geographic Area courses
- Completion of a minimum of 9 hours in methodology and theoretical courses
- Minimum of 9 credit hours in a minor
- 2.0 GPA minimum required for graduation

Our Students

Developing a background in Sociocultural Anthropology can prepare students for research and occupational opportunities across the globe. After graduating from Appalachian, Andrew Sinclair, Class of 2005, has spent much of his time working in the Middle East. After earning his Master's in International Affairs from Columbia University, Sinclair worked with NYU's Center on International Cooperation and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in eastern Afghanistan. Sinclair says, "A background in anthropology has helped me situate myself in an environment where I can truly partner with my Afghan counterparts and avoid the common pitfalls of a directive mode of engagement."



Sample Courses

- ANT 3620 Political Ecology & Sustainability
- ANT 3635 Political Anthropology
- ANT 3410 Ethnographic Methods
- ANT 4225 Meaning
- ANT 4230 Magic and Modernity
- ANT 4265 Anthropology and Global Health
- ANT 4611 Culture, Energy and Power

Faculty

- **Dr. Jon H. Carter** Criminality, aesthetics, politics, Honduras, Latin America
- **Dr. Eric I. Karchmer** Recent developments in the study of Chinese medicine in China
- **Dr. Diane P. Mines** Materiality and phenomenology of time, Tamil Studies
- **Dr. Dana E. Powell** Cultural politics of energy development; political ecology; critical Indigenous studies, Native North America
- **Dr. Gregory G. Reck** Ethnographic writing & history and global processes in small communities, Mexico, India, Appalachia
- **Dr. Timothy J. Smith** Cultural politics of representation and indigenous movements and ethnography of Latin America
- **Dr. Christina V. Sornito** Cultural anthropology of media theory, religion and Southeast Asia

Resources

- App State Ethnography Lab