

MINOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY



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Within this community, I learned more about myself and my place in the world.

- Brian Sparr, class of 2016

WHAT IS ANTHROPOLOGY?

Anthropology is the holistic study of humanity: all people, all times, all places. Anthropologists use their knowledge to solve human problems, and to understand the human story and condition.

- + UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES
- + UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIPS
- + STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
- + STUDY ABROAD

The goals of the Anthropology minor are to:

- Provide students with an understanding of anthropology's four main subfields: archaeology, biological anthropology, cultural anthropology, and linguistic anthropology.
- Analyze the central theories and methodologies of anthropology.
- Train students in anthropological research methods, including the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data, participant observation, interviewing, and ethnographic and technical writing.
- Assist students in the development of critical thinking and communication skills.

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CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

The minor in Anthropology requires just 21 hours of coursework. All students are required to take Introduction to Anthropology... but then select from a wide variety of anthropology electives that interest them (see below). Students also have the option of taking two interdisciplinary courses outside of anthropology to complete the minor.

SAMPLE COURSEWORK

World Archaeology
The Anthropology of Religion
The Body in Anthropological Perspective
Human Evolution
Hunters and Gatherers
Language and Culture
Native North American Cultures
The Anthropology of Europe

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Anthropology students at EIU build their personal and professional skills by conducting field research all over the world, volunteering their time in service to the local and global community, and presenting their work at regional and national anthropology conferences.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Sociology-Anthropology Club

A student-run organization open to all students interested in sociology and anthropology. The club provides opportunities to interact with students and faculty outside the classroom, engage in both social and service activities on campus and in the community, and gain leadership experience.

Lambda Alpha

Open to qualified students, the department has an active chapter of Lambda Alpha, the national anthropology honor society. Established in 1968, Lambda Alpha awards student scholarships, research grants, and student paper prizes annually, in order to foster excellence in the study of anthropology.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Anthropologists work in many different sectors, including universities, government agencies, corporations, museums, and the nonprofit sector. They teach, conduct research, work as independent consultants, and communicate their findings to the public as well as to specialized audiences.

Adding an anthropology minor to your degree program can enhance both your major and your employment opportunities. For example, adding anthropology to a business major can support your interest in an international business career. Likewise, if you are planning a career in social science education, an anthropology minor can give you the skills to develop your curriculum.

Our former Anthropology students are attending graduate school, teaching abroad, employed at museums and universities, and working in human resources, social services, education, and business.

