

ANTHROPOLOGY



Anthropology at Drexel

Anthropology is the study of human beings — the cultures, traditions, and daily practices that define, separate, and unite us. Through detailed study and field experience, anthropologists strive to gain a thorough understanding of the world's populations.

Drexel's Anthropology program gives students an exceptional background in theory, method, and field experience. Many corporations, schools, and health care institutions are using ethnographic field techniques and qualitative methods in order to understand their markets, clientele, and own organizational structure. Anthropology students are prepared for employment in these areas as well as for graduate work in anthropology, public policy, law, and other social and behavioral sciences.

Drexel Co-op for Anthropology

A key part of the program is Drexel's prestigious co-operative education program, in which students alternate periods of classroom study with periods of professional work experience. Anthropology students can participate in the following:

- One Co-op Option (Four Years): includes one six-month period of full-time employment

A Few Drexel Co-op Position Titles

- Assistant to Researcher into Consumer Preferences
- Community Development Intern
- Health Care Human Resources Assistant
- Volunteer for Nonprofit International Aid Organization

Employers

Here are some of the companies that have hired Drexel students as co-op or full-time employees:

- Comcast Corporation
- Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Inc.
- University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
- University of Pennsylvania

Potential Careers

Anthropologist. Studies the origin and the physical, social, and cultural development and behavior of human beings — whether in developing areas or highly industrialized societies. Some compare the behaviors and customs of different cultures. Some investigate the origins of the human species and the way the species has evolved. And some study archaeological remains to understand the demographics of ancient cultures and the impact of forces such as disease on those cultures.

Ethnographer. Applies scientific method to record and describe human societies. Some ethnographers are researchers who work in institutions of higher education; others work for companies seeking a thorough understanding of their customers and potential markets. May also work for nonprofit organizations interested in community needs.

Graduate School Opportunities

Some universities that alumni from Drexel's Anthropology program currently attend include:

- State University of New York
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Washington

Courses You'll Really Enjoy

Anthropology of Cyberspace. Focuses on how the Internet and new media have changed the way we think about space and time, work, and engage in leisure activities.

Anthropology of Gender. An ethnographic approach to the study of gender socializations and gender roles. Addresses issues of sex roles, the cultural construction of gender categories, the forms of gender inequality, and the ways cultures engage in gender-based power relationships.

Cultural Theory. Explores controversial issues and questions, such as sociobiology and what it means to be human, as they have been and are being studied by those concerned with human origins and development. Reviews major thinkers in the history and theory of anthropology, including modernists and postmodernists.

Media Anthropology. Introduces students to the anthropological study of media, including traditional and new forms of mass media. Exposes students to the theories and methodologies of media study from an anthropological perspective. Students also engage in their own ethnographic studies of media to gain firsthand experience with anthropological methods.

Worldview: Science, Religion, Magic. Examines anthropological and archaeological evidence of the worldviews of nonliterate people, as shown in the practice of ceremony, magic, sorcery, and witchcraft, and the role of shamans and priests.

Learn More: University Catalog

A list of required courses for the Anthropology major is available online at www.drexel.edu/catalog.

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