Anthropology

Objectives

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Learning goals for the major in anthropology include the ability to:
1. appreciate the interrelation of the four subfields of anthropology into a comprehensive whole;
2. locate, comprehend, and abstract professional publications;
3. research an original topic and prepare a paper suitable for presentation at a professional meeting;
4. deliver an oral presentation of research findings appropriate for a professional meeting;
5. demonstrate a general understanding of the historical roots of the discipline;
6. demonstrate a knowledge of non-Western cultural diversity both in terms of the worldwide evolution (prehistory) of culture and in terms of contemporary indigenous and ethnically distinctive peoples in all major regions of the world;
7. demonstrate an understanding of basic processes of cultural and linguistic organization, functioning, and change;
8. understand basic principles underlying human biological variability;
9. understand basic methodologies for collecting primary data in the four subfields of anthropology;
10. demonstrate an ability to interpret the primary data characteristic of the subfields of anthropology; and
11. demonstrate technological proficiency including computer skills at the level of the general university competency list and as necessary for basic anthropological applications

Mission

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These student learning goals assure that the successful student will be well trained in the four subfields. Students planning to pursue graduate education in anthropology will have a solid preparatory foundation in basic theoretical knowledge, technological competency, and methodology for their advanced work. Majors who pursue other careers will have firm preparation in understanding interrelationships between people and culture, past and present, the nature of institutional systems, and the fundamentals of human biological diversity.