

our resources ...

Despite its relatively small size, the Anthropology Program at Marshall University incorporates a number of resources typically expected of much larger departments.



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Insight into the Anthropology Program at Marshall University

Our resources include the **Archaeological & Ethnological Laboratory** where materials from the annual summer field school are stored and analyzed. The program also owns an extensive collection of ethnographic artifacts from all over the world (formerly of the Sunrise Museum in Charleston, WV). We are part of the ongoing work of the **Oral History of Appalachia Collection**, a vast oral history archive comprised of thousands of interviews conducted in Appalachia over the last 40 years. No other anthropology program in West Virginia has such resources, available for research to both students and faculty, in and out of state.

For more information, see/click: www.marshall.edu/anthropology



Our program offers students from diverse backgrounds the opportunity to thoroughly and creatively explore the world and peoples around them.

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Demand for degrees >>>

According to the American Anthropological Association

Demand for graduates with degrees in anthropology is high. Anthropology graduates work in many fields in which research on humans and their behavior is needed, including private corporations, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies. Anthropology majors commonly find employment in state and federal governments, non-governmental and other international aid organizations, education, business, human resources, social work, historical resource management field-technicians in archaeology, and, increasingly, health care. Many anthropology majors continue to graduate school in such fields as: anthropology, history, law, geography, or medicine.

To learn more, check out the American Anthropological Association's career pages at:

<http://www.aaanet.org/profdev/careers/>

What is anthropology? Exploring what it means to be human

Anthropology is the systematic study of humans, their practices, and the myriad ways they experience these practices. Anthropologists study humanity in its diverse cultural, social, physical, and linguistic forms. As an academic discipline, anthropology bridges the humanities and social sciences in addressing fundamental questions having to do not only with how the human world works and how people negotiate their social and cultural realities but also with what it means to be human.

Anthropology draws from pre-historical, historical, and contemporary cases and is distinct in addressing all levels of sociopolitical organization and subsistence strategies ranging from foraging bands and horticultural tribes to modern industrialized states and the globalized realities of the world today. Anthropology is, by its nature, interdisciplinary and international in both theory and practice.

The Anthropology Program at Marshall University provides a thorough grounding in the theory and methods of sociocultural and archaeological subfields of the discipline as well as courses in biological and linguistic anthropology. Our courses stress the exchange of ideas and build strength in critical thinking, communication, and intellectual exploration. An anthropological perspective will become increasingly important in the 21st century. There is a growing demand for sensitivity to the values, beliefs, and cultural structures of other groups that might be different from one's own. In all parts of society, people need the ability to live, work, and appreciate diversity while simultaneously becoming more aware of the relations that connect various groups and the commonalities they share.



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Program objectives ...

The Anthropology Program at Marshall University **provides learning opportunities** that:

1. introduce program majors to the various theoretical perspectives of anthropology and historical development of the discipline as a social science
2. equip program majors with a functional knowledge of research methodologies appropriate to the four sub-fields of anthropology (cultural; linguistic; archaeological; and, physical anthropologies)
3. enable program majors to recognize and describe the interrelationships among the cultural, social, and biological bases of human behavior
4. support program majors to achieve competence in critically assessing and applying core anthropological theories and methods to practical problems
5. provide program majors with the means to consider the nature and consequences of varied forms of discrimination and inequality and to explore social alternatives
6. train students in the means for constructing sustained, coherent, and empirically defended arguments for different audiences that locate their position relative to likely counter-arguments

Summer >>>

Archaeological Field School

Archaeology, the science of reconstructing and understanding past and present cultures from their material remains, is taught in the Anthropology Program at Marshall University through classroom instruction, in the laboratory, and in the field.



Hands on instruction provides an opportunity for students to learn the basic techniques of surveying, excavation and recording, to experience the thrill of discovery, by offering an annual archaeological field school (ANT 323) during the Summer School. This kind of practical experience is a special asset for those who wish to continue in archaeology as a career.

The Sites investigated by the field school in the last twenty plus years cover the span of human occupation in West Virginia, from the Early Archaic, at St-Albans (ca. 6000 BCE, Kanawha County), through the Late Prehistoric, at Snidow (ca. 1250 CE, Mercer County) and Clover (ca. 1580 CE, Cabell County), to the historic period, at the Madie Carroll House in Guyandotte (ca. 1850 CE, Cabell County). In addition to gaining practical knowledge of archaeological field techniques, students learn about our state's long past, from the earliest Native American nomadic foragers and their journey towards becoming settled farmers, to the first Euro-American and African-American colonists who established the communities we live in today.



Our Faculty

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Interests in legal and institutional discourse, violence and empathy in democratic processes, ethnographic methods and theory, and gender and language in society

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Brian Hoey, Associate Professor

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Interests in migration, cultural and identity politics, globalization; place and personhood; environmental health; ethnographic methods
Director, Undergraduate Programs

Degree requirements >>>

An Anthropology Major

To graduate with a major in anthropology, you will take 39 credits of required **core classes** and **electives**. The required core of the anthropology major consists of 24 credits:

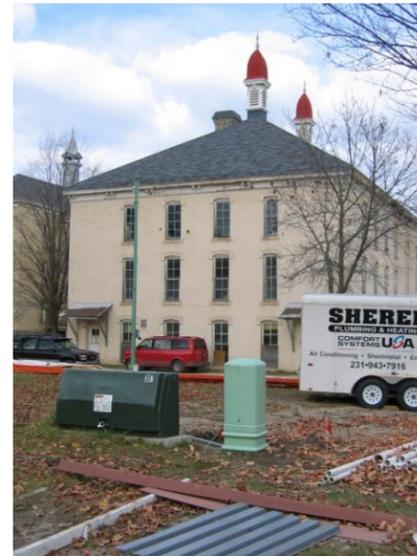
- ANT 201 Cultural Anthropology (CT)
- ANT 322 Archaeology
- ANT 331 Physical Anthropology
- ANT 371 Linguistic Anthropology
- ANT 361 Ethnographic Methods
- ANT 391 Junior Seminar (a professional preparation course)
- ANT 491 Theory in Ethnology
- ANT 492 Anthropological Analysis (Capstone)

Students then chose another 15 credits of **electives** from classes with the ANT prefix. The **electives** include a minimum of 3 credits archaeology and 3 credits socio-cultural anthropology, which are the two main foci of the program within anthropology's four subfields of archaeological, sociocultural, linguistic, and biological anthropology.



Honors in Anthropology

The very best Anthropology students are encouraged to consider graduating **with program honors**.



To graduate with Honors in Anthropology, a student must enroll in two subsequent 3 credit courses for a total of 6 credits over one year; ANT 492 Anthropological Analysis (Capstone) and a 3 credit ANT 485 Independent Study will be the ordinary sequence, but if necessary the courses can be taken in the reversed order.



A liberal arts education for the 21st Century >>>

Q: Who is this major right for?

A: Students who seek the joy of discovery.

Do you consider yourself curious, analytical, a strong problem solver? Do you enjoy exploring new ideas, learning about other cultures, figuring out why people do what they do? We will work with develop valuable critical thinking and practical skills as you research, evaluate, and interpret a variety of forms of data on human behavior past, present, or future. Beyond the pleasure of learning about diverse beliefs and behaviors around the world, studies in anthropology entail purposeful learning in how to write proposals, plan research projects, conduct field studies, gather and organize information, examine artifacts, and recognize and explain cultural differences and similarities.

The prerequisites for obtaining permission to pursue the Honors in Anthropology option are: the student must be a declared Anthropology major in Junior or Senior standing, have a GPA in all concluded anthropology classes of a minimum of 3.5, and have a written agreement with a faculty member, who will act as the advisor. In the first term, the student will prepare a study plan and literature review for an independent research project; at the end of the term, this work must be presented to a committee of at least three faculty members who will together determine the grade.

The prerequisites for pursuing the second term of the honors option include: an "A" in the first term, a GPA in all concluded anthropology classes of a minimum of 3.5, and written permission by the advisor. In the second semester, the student will conduct the proposed research project and report her/his findings (the report will ordinarily be a written paper, but can be supplemented by presentations in other media – an exhibition, a film, etc.). At the end of the term, this work must be presented to a committee of at least three faculty members who will together determine the grade. The grade "A" for the work in the second term will be recognized on the students' diploma as "Graduating with Honors in Anthropology".



Career Paths in Anthropology

Anthropology is a career that embraces people of all kinds. It is a field that thrives through diversity in its people, ideas, and research methods. Anthropologists know the wisdom of listening to multiple voices and linking the contributions of people who bring different backgrounds and apply various approaches to their work and lives.

A marketable degree

leading to careers such as ...

Archaeological field work

provides a diverse selection of jobs for the archaeologist trained in field techniques. Many positions for field technicians and as either field project managers or laboratory managers are available.

Public organizations look for the skills of an anthropologist to facilitate a wide range of community programs. Skills as a grant writer, manager, or as a policy maker are especially useful.

Government agencies find anthropology majors particularly suited to positions such as Foreign Service officer, coordinator for international development aid, urban planner, military advisor, and environmental impact specialist.

Cultural Resource

Management applies archaeological skills towards compliance with environmental and cultural resources regulations. This area of expertise is one of the fastest growing job markets in anthropology.

Business and corporate anthropology using ethnographic market research allows anthropologist to facilitate marketing surveys, explain workplace values and behaviors, evaluate customer experiences, and other similar opportunities.