What you can do with your ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR



Major Skills:



Analytical Thinking

You analyze patterns and trends in human groups, behaviors, social institutions, material culture, and people's relationships with the physical, cultural, and natural world; connect information about other cultures and their differences with new ways of thinking and new opportunities.



Professional and Ethical Conduct

You develop cultural sensitivity and an awareness of different cultures' beliefs, values, and behaviors; approach research and other work responsibly and according to policy, privacy, and ethical considerations.



Research

You find and filter information to determine the best sources, distinguish between empirical and speculative narratives and claims about human diversity past and present, use evidence to support arguments, and explain information clearly and concisely.



Teamwork

You navigate complex cultural situations and work respectfully with others to approach and solve complex problems from a variety of perspectives.



Communication

You develop oral and written communication skills and tailor messages to diverse audiences. You are well versed in interviewing, report writing, listening and responding, and presenting.



Problem Solving

You understand different constituencies and different points of view, and create solutions that blend different perspectives.

Supplement Your Skills With:



Experience Fostering Equity & Inclusion



Career & Self Development



Global & Intercultural Experience



Gain Experience: Internships & Part-Time Work



Quantitative Data Analysis and Interpretation



Academic Journals, Colloquia & Grad-Level Courses

Chart Your Path Forward

Activate Your Handshake Account

for connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking.

Explore Career Communities

to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your major into success.

Get Career & Internship Advising

from SuccessWorks to make a plan, whether you're a first-year student or about to graduate.

Get Started: successworks.wisc.edu

Put your Anthropology major to WORK

Frequent Job Titles of Alumni:

- Professor
- Archaeologist
- Chief Executive Officer
- Project Manager
- Executive Director/Director
- Teacher
- Registered Nurse
- Writer



- Director of Development
- Lecturer
- Attorney
- President
- Business Insights & Analytics Manager
- Communications Manager
- Business Analyst



Sample Employers of Alumni:

- UW Health
- American Family Insurance
- Madison Area Technical College
- Loyola University Chicago
- Madison Metropolitan School District
- Social Security Administration
- State of California
- Aldo Leopold Nature Center
- Apple
- Boston Children's Hospital

- Bureau of Land Management
- CUNA Mutual Group
- Chicago Public Schools
- City of Milwaukee Health Department
- Environmental Resources Management
- Epic
- Green Thumb Industries
- Human Rights Watch
- Mercy Health System
- Northwestern Mutual

Post-Graduation Plans 2016-2021:

60% Employment

31% Continuing Education, Graduate School

4% Volunteer/Service Program

5% Other

Industry of Employment 2016-2021:

- 1. Education
- 2. Non-Profit
- 3. Healthcare
- 4. Arts & Entertainment (incl. Museums)
- 5. Government
- 6. Hospitality
- 7. Information Technology
- 8. Insurance
- 9. Finance
- 10. Media

Where Alumni Live & Work:

24% Wisconsin

9% Illinois

9% California

5% New York

4% Minnesota

9% Other



"Because of my major, I have a deep belief in humanity, equity and social justice. My education in Anthropology has prepared me to be successful in leadership positions in diverse and varied organizations."

Kirsten Johnson, 1997
Secretary of Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Madison, WI



"Anthropology is the discipline that taught me how to think holistically about systems and behavior, and understand what a critical role context and cultural competency play in communication. Those critical thinking skills are part of what makes me good at my job."

Gail Leinweber, 2012
Senior Premier Support Engineer, Zendesk
Madison, WI

Career Communities for Anthropology Majors

SuccessWorks has eight Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Anthropology majors can start.

Not inspired by these options? Visit SuccessWorks to explore more widely.

- Non-Profit Management & Education
- Communication, Entertainment & the Arts
- Healthcare & Human Services
- Government, Policy, International Affairs & Law

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