

# Anthropology

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## Undergraduate Degree Programs

**General B.A., 3- or 4-Year, Anthropology**  
**Honours B.A., Anthropology**  
**Honours B.A., Anthropology, Co-op**  
**Honours B.A., Anthropology, Arts and Business Regular**  
**Honours B.A., Anthropology, Arts and Business Co-op**  
**Joint Honours with Anthropology**  
**Minor in Anthropology**

The central aim of Anthropology is to understand what it means to be human by examining contemporary and past social systems, artifacts, and physical variation in both human and non-human primate populations.

Our department offers students three fields of inquiry: Cultural Anthropology, Archaeology, and Biological Anthropology.

**Cultural Anthropology** is concerned with understanding the life of peoples from all regions of the globe. Cultural Anthropologists are not interested simply in exotic customs but in understanding how human beings interact in a range of social and cultural environments. Cultural Anthropologists attempt to go beyond individual behaviour to find the patterns which govern the nature of culture and society.

**Archaeology** is concerned with the study of past cultures through the material remains people have left in their towns, villages, or campsites. Archaeologists examine these remnants of the past to construct a picture of social and cultural life, and of human cultural evolution.

**Biological Anthropology** is concerned with our biological nature, particularly the manner in which human populations have adapted to their environments. Through methods ranging from osteological analyses to the observation of primate behaviour, Biological Anthropologists consider such issues as the origin of language, changes in population movements, diet, aging and disease patterns.

Anthropologists in our department are engaged in active research projects on cultural ecology, prehistory, the behaviour of monkeys and apes, contemporary indigenous politics and relations, tourism and travel, human osteology, peace and conflict, early civilizations, and media and technology.

## Courses in the Major

Anthropological Field Experience  
Anthropology of Digital Media  
Anthropology of Israel/Palestine  
Anthropology of Tourism  
Anthropology of Violence  
Anthropological Thought  
Archaeological Analysis and Interpretation  
Archaeological Field Methods  
Archaeology of Complex Cultures  
Archaeology of the Great Lakes Area  
Cultural Ecology  
Culture and Globalization  
Design of Anthropological Inquiry and Practice  
Fossil Hominids  
Honours Essay  
Human Adaptation and Variation  
Human and Cultural Evolution  
Human Evolution  
Human Osteology  
Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology  
Indigenous Practices and Relations  
Inuit and Eskimo Cultures  
Issues in Contemporary Native Communities in Canada  
Origin of Language and Behaviour  
Primate Behaviour  
Principles of Archaeology  
Principles of Cultural Anthropology  
Reading in Anthropology  
Skeletal Biology and Forensics  
Special Topics in Anthropological Theory  
Studies in Hunter-Gatherer Archaeology  
Visual Anthropology

## Anthropology Department Activities

Our 2010-11 Speaker's Series included the following guest speakers:

- Dr. Lucilla Spini from the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH), "We the peoples"... Anthropologists and the United Nations
- Dr. Harvard Ayers, Appalachian State University, NC, "Indians, Eskimos Speak Out About Global Warming"
- Dr. Pascale Sicotte, University of Calgary, "Primate Conservation"

## Student Awards

The Anthropology Department awards two prizes annually: The Silver Medal for Academic Excellence and the Sally Weaver Scholarship Award.

The Department of Anthropology annually awards its Silver Medal for Academic Excellence in Anthropology prize to a 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year anthropology student. The award winner is chosen from among our most highly achieving students, taking into consideration the activities and contributions to departmental life made by the student. The intention is to honour an excellent, all-round promising anthropologist.

The Sally Weaver Scholarship Award is open to scholarship-eligible University of Waterloo graduate students in the M.A. program in Public Issues Anthropology.

## Anthro Society

The Anthropology Department has a very active student society.

## Co-operative Programs in Arts

Honours Anthropology students may pursue co-operative education programs in two ways:

1. **Arts and Business Co-op** - a direct entry program through which students complete their honours major and core Arts and Business courses in areas such as accounting, economics, languages, history, political science, business management, and leadership training. Five paid work terms alternate with academic terms on a four-month rotation. All students spend eight months on campus during their first year.

There are four optional specializations available for Arts and Business Co-op students:

- Digital Arts Communication
- Global Engagement
- Human Resources Management
- International Trade

2. **Honours Arts - Departmental Co-op** – If you choose Anthropology as a major for second year, departmental co-op is available. Selection of candidates occurs in the fall of second year with four paid work terms alternating with academic terms on a four-month rotation. The first work term occurs during the spring term of the second year.

## MA Program

The Anthropology Department also offers a Masters degree in Public Issues Anthropology jointly with the University of Guelph.

## Careers

Here is a small sample of positions held by graduates who majored in Anthropology:

- Archaeologist, *City of Hamilton*
- Assistant Director, Public Safety, *University of Georgia*
- Associate Professor, *Department of Anthropology, University of Auckland*
- Behavioural Teacher, *Waterloo County Board of Education*
- Canada Research Chair, *Dalhousie University*
- Civil Servant, *Department of Indian Affairs, Government of Canada*
- Civil Servant, *Department of Justice, Government of Canada*
- Community Relations Officer, *Ontario Hydro*
- Contract Administrator, *Interfest*
- Library Technician, *University of Victoria*
- Maintenance Planner, *Labatt Breweries*
- Mental Health Therapist
- Multi-cultural Education Specialist, *YMCA, Kitchener*
- Police Officer, *Toronto Police Services*
- Professor, *Department of Anthropology, McMaster University*
- Professor, *Department of Anthropology, University of Western Ontario*
- Scientific Officer, *Australian Museum*
- Social Media Specialist, *Waterloo Stratford Campus*
- Social Services Case Worker, *Regional Municipality of Waterloo*
- Welfare Visitor, *Municipality of Metro Toronto*

**For more information about Anthropology, please visit:**

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