

Student Learning Outcomes for B.A. in Anthropology

1. Awareness of cultural diversity and global relations

The student demonstrates knowledge of how social relationships, individual choices, and institutions are shaped by culture. The student demonstrates knowledge of cultural variation and diversity such that there are a range of perspectives, practices, and beliefs within each culture and across cultures. The student demonstrates knowledge of the relationships that link people and societies across cultural, national, and regional boundaries and is able to identify ways that different regional histories shape global relationships. Core concepts: cultural construction, cultural relativism, ethnocentrism, colonialism, capitalism, north/south relations.

2. Research and analytical skills

The student demonstrates knowledge of the basic steps involved in scholarly research. The student demonstrates the ability to locate and to critically evaluate a range of information sources on a chosen topic. The student can describe research methods used by anthropologists such as participant observation, thick description, and interviewing.

3. Communication skills

Writing: The student is able to write clearly and to make connections between broader arguments or generalizations and specific examples and data that support or contradict the arguments.

Public speaking and group presentations: The student is able to organize and articulate ideas and information and communicate them orally.