

# Major or Minor in **ANTHROPOLOGY** at Queens College



Anthropology is the study of human beings in the broadest sense. **Anthropologists study present and past human cultures and societies, human and non-human primate biology and evolution, and language in social contexts.** Anthropology includes four subdisciplines: cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, archaeology, and linguistic anthropology.

Anthropology's **unique cross-cultural and deeply temporal approach to understanding human diversity** is perhaps the smartest and most practical route that a general liberal arts student can select. It offers a way of “seeing” and “reading” the world that is in increasing demand in these changing multicultural times.

## **PREPARATION FOR DIVERSE CAREERS:**

A major or minor in anthropology provides the necessary preparation for a variety of careers, including education, international studies, medicine and allied professions, social work, corporate consulting, market research, museum work, community organizing, academia, and many more. Students may focus mainly in one of the anthropological subdisciplines – cultural, biological, archaeological, or linguistic anthropology – or they may follow a more general program of study that includes all four subfields.

## **MULTIPLE MAJOR AND MINOR TRACKS:**

Students wishing to **major** in anthropology may choose between two tracks: general anthropology and pre-professional anthropology. Students wishing to **minor** in anthropology may choose either the general minor or one of our four specialized minors. The **specialized minors** are designed to guide students towards courses that will prepare them for specific career

## **The General Major**

The General Major in Anthropology requires 33 credits that range across at least three of the four subdisciplines of anthropology, from introductory level to advanced level courses. In addition, all anthropology majors take at least one course that dives deeper into a particular subfield, at least one course focusing on a specific geographic or cultural region of the world, and a course in the history of anthropology. Students then fulfill the remainder of their major requirements by choosing from a wide variety of electives across the subdisciplines.

## **The Pre-Professional Major**

The Pre-Professional Major in Anthropology requires 39 credits and is designed for students who wish to pursue graduate studies in anthropology or a related discipline. It requires a more rigorous course schedule with more 300 level courses than are required for the general major, as well a class in anthropological research methods.

## **The General Minor**

A General Minor in Anthropology requires only 18 credits, or 6 courses, including introductory courses in at least three of the subdisciplines of anthropology and a wide range of electives. Many students choose to minor in anthropology as a supplement to majors ranging from English to Biology to Accounting.



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