Student Opportunities

Anthropology Club

Lambda Alpha National Honor Society

Service Learning Classes

Internships

Study abroad

Grants up to $2,500 for field work

Some of Our Courses

Anth 105 Intro to Disability Studies

Anth 110 Multicultural America

Anth 125 The Anthropology Of Globalization

Anth 135 Anthropology Of Conflict and Violence

Anth 155 Urban Anthropology

Anth 330 Anthropology Of Food & Nutrition

Anth 380 Anth of Gender and Sexuality

Anth 370 Experimental Archaeology

Anth 410 Archaeology in Montclair

Anth 421 Communities in Transition

Anth 423 Community and Health

Anth 422 Environment and Community

Anth 429 Building Sustainable Communities

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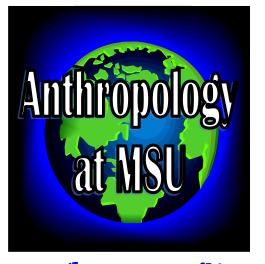**Dickson Hall 123**
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Building Sustainable Communities students with Professor McCaffrey at the Ecovillage at Ithaca, Spring Break 2010

Anthropology at MSU

Explore the many possibilities

Undergraduate

♦ **Anthropology Major**

♦ **Anthropology Major, Elementary School Teacher Certification (K-5)**

♦ **Anthropology Major, Community Development Concentration**

♦ **Anthropology Minor**

♦ **Archaeology Minor**

What Is Anthropology?

Anthropology is the study of humankind. It deals with our origins, physical and cultural development, biological characteristics, social beliefs, and customs of peoples and cultures. It connects to psychology, sociology, biology, chemistry, medicine, history, and just about every other social and physical science. Anthropology has a holistic and broad approach that makes it unique in comparison to other sciences.

Anthropology can be broken up into 5 subfields:

Cultural Anthropology

The scientific study of the origins and development of modern cultures based on social, linguistic, and archaeological data. Cultural anthropology analyzes and explains social and cultural similarities and differences. You will learn to look at family life, neighborhoods, social and ethnic groups and larger social phenomena to help understand how people work together to build networks.

Linguistics

The descriptive, comparative, and historical study of language and of linguistic similarities and differences.

Archaeology

The study of past human life and culture by the recovery and examination of remaining cultural material, such as ceramics, buildings, tools, and art.

Dr. Siegel leading Field Methods in Archaeology students in the excavation of Van Reyper-Bond House grounds on Valley Road.

Physical/Biological Anthropology

The study of human physical variation. Includes evolution, genetics, growth and development, and primates, our closest relatives in the animal world.

Applied Anthropology

The application of anthropology to help solve contemporary social problems.

Careers in Anthropology

Anthropologists work in laboratories, classrooms, communities, and corporate settings. We work for hospitals, museums, boards of education, community organizations, police departments, city and state governments, foreign aid organizations, environmental groups, and many others.

Majoring in Anthropology at MSU will prepare you for positions in a wide variety of non-academic jobs or for graduate study leading to a career in university teaching and research.

Internships and employment of recent MSU undergraduates

- Study of cultural aspects of mainstreaming deaf and hearing-impaired children in New Jersey schools
- Teaching social studies in high school or middle school
- Research on hate crimes against Asian Indian immigrants in Jersey City
- Questionnaire design for AIDS councils in New York City
- Pain amelioration research at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York
- Study of environmental racism in location of New Jersey municipal waste incinerators
- Evaluating programs for the blind
- Assisting doctors in understanding social aspects of type II diabetes treatment
- Service Learning Classes that focus on solving community problems by working at local nursing homes, schools, and community centers.
- Non-profit Community development work