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# ANTHROPOLOGY & GEOGRAPHY

The strength of the department lies in its focus on practical training, critical thinking, and Learn by Doing experiences. Students are trained in applied technical skills including GIS, remote sensing, research design, social data collection, and qualitative/quantitative methodology.

Alongside these skills, students are encouraged to critically investigate contemporary issues, asking hard questions about society, behavior, and the environment in an increasingly diverse and global world. Finally, students are required to bridge classroom learning with the real world through hands-on practical experience such as internships, service learning, study abroad, and senior projects.



## Major and Minor

### Anthropology and Geography (B.S.)

The anthropology and geography major provides students with the skills for understanding and examining patterns of human activity and resource utilization across space and time, as well as the interactions between humans and the natural environment. Interdisciplinary in nature, this program focuses on the applied areas of cross-cultural studies, international development, ecological research design and method, the evolution of humans, environmental assessment, and sustainability.

### Concentrations:

- Global Studies and International Development
- Environmental Studies and Sustainability
- Human Ecology
- Individualized Course of Study

### Minor

- Anthropology and Geography
- Geographic Information Systems
- Latin American Studies

#### Museums & Archives

- Curation
- Acquisition
- Preservation
- Authenticating
- Research/education

#### Archaeology

- Cultural resource management
- Excavation Law
- Prosecution/defense
- Corporate, nonprofit or public interest

#### Government

- Surveying
- Legislative compliance
- Urban planning

#### Planning/Geospatial Careers

- City/regional planning
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Remote sensing

#### Geography

- Climatology and meteorology
- Environmental conservation
- Environmental regulation
- Hydrology
- International development

## Where can this major take me?

