

Anthropological Careers

It's a great time to become an anthropologist!

"According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, 'Employment of anthropologists and archaeologists is **expected to grow 19 percent from 2012 to 2022**, faster than the average for all occupations' ([US Department of Labor](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archaeo080912.pdf)). These numbers suggest there are not *enough* anthropologists and that this is a robust career choice, growing at a significantly higher rate than the 11% growth forecast for all occupations.'"



(<http://www.thisisanthropology.com/anthropological-careers>)

1. Corporate and Business Careers

- Many corporations look explicitly for anthropologists, recognizing the utility of their perspective on a corporate team or working in market research.
- "Adding an anthropologist to a research team is **like moving from black-and-white TV to color**. We're able to observe shades of color that others can't see. Anthropologists understand complexity and can help devise answers that reflect that complexity" so says Cathleen Crain of LTG Associates, a Washington, D.C.-based consulting firm.



- In response to a survey by the American Anthropological Association's [Committee on Practicing, Applied and Public Interest Anthropology \(CoPAPIA\)*](#), respondents provided the following responses to describe their post-graduate employment:

Education/Outreach

Archaeology

Cultural Resource Management (CRM)

Historic Preservation

Museum/Curation/Project Design

Community Development

Advocacy (human rights/social justice)

Human/Social Services

Computers/Software

Development/Information Technology

Design (products and/or services)

International Development/Affairs

Forensics

Mass Communication

Administration/Management

Ethnography/Cultural Anthropology

Evaluation/Assessment

Health (international/public health)

Environment and Natural Resources

Business

Tourism/Heritage

Healthcare Management/Services/Deliver

Management Consulting/Organizational

Development/Training

Social Impact Assessment

Market Research

Law/Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement

Humanitarian Efforts



2. Government Careers

State and local governmental organizations

- use anthropologists in planning, research and managerial capacities.
- Contract archaeology is a growing occupation with state and federal legislative mandates to assess cultural resources affected by government funded projects.
- Forensic anthropologists, not only work with police departments to help identify mysterious or unknown remains but also work in university and museum settings.

The federal government is one of the largest employers of anthropologists outside of academia. Career paths include:

- **international development,**
- **cultural resource management,**
- **the legislative branch,**
- **forensic and physical anthropology,**
- **natural resource management, and**
- **defense and security sectors.**



3. Non-profit and Community-based Careers

- Non-governmental organizations, such as international health organizations and development banks employ anthropologists to help design and implement a wide variety of programs.

- Many anthropologists work in local, community-based settings for non-profit agencies.
- Sometimes, they work through community-based research organizations like the Institute for Community Research.
- They work for established organizations in a community like the YMCA, local schools, or environmental organizations.

4. Academic Careers

- On campuses, in departments of anthropology, and in research laboratories, anthropologists teach and conduct research.
- A number of academic anthropologists find careers in *other* departments or university programs, such as schools of medicine, epidemiology, public health, ethnic studies, cultural studies, community or area studies, linguistics, education, ecology, cognitive psychology and neural science.



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- [Steelcase's Anthropologist on Remaking Offices to Create Happier Workers](#)
- [2010 Census Evaluation Team Wins Anthropology Award](#)
- [Transforming Complex Systems: A case study in service design](#)
- [Intel's Sharp-Eyed Social Scientist](#)
- [Argentina's forensic anthropology is finding 'disappeared ones'](#)
- [The Album People - digital photography and social research](#)
- [Play Nice: design ethnographer meets management consultant](#)
- [Business Anthropology Unlocks Opportunities](#)
- [Anthropologists dig into business](#)
- [Anthropologists Go Native in the Corporate Village](#)
- [Obama picks Korean-American physician-anthropologist as World Bank President](#)
- [Intel Research: Genevieve Bell - The Social Life of Cell Phones](#)
- [What Makes Genevieve Bell Curious?](#)
- [Grant McCracken: Chief Culture Officer](#)
- [Dr. Farmer's Remedy](#)
- [Innovation in Asthma Research: Using Ethnography to Study a Global Health Problem \(1 of 3\)](#)
- [On the money: Laura Barton meets Gillian Tett, Assistant Editor at the Financial Times](#)
- [R&D 2.0: Fewer Engineers, More Anthropologists](#)
- [Ethnographic Research: A Key to Strategy](#)
- [Olson's anthropologists bring meaning to marketing](#)
- [Breakthrough market discoveries often hide in latent form](#)
- [MIRROR, MIRROR: The Anthropologist of Dressing Rooms](#)
- http://www.prospects.ac.uk/options_anthropology.htm

Courses the UVA Anthropology Department is offering next fall:

Anth 3105 Love and Romance
Anth 3700 Globalizing India
Anth 2590 Anthropology of Outer Space
Anth 3260 Globalization and Development
Anth 3171 Culture of Cyber Space
Anth 2375 Disaster
Anth 2190 Desire and World Economics
Anth 2590 Culture, Gender and Violence
Anth 3155 Anthropology of Everyday American Life
Anth 2310 Symbol and Ritual
Anth 2280 Medical Anthropology

Anth 2230 Fantasy and Social Value
Anth 3320 Shamanism and Healing
Anth 3850 Historical Archaeology
Anth 3255 Time and Space
Anth 4591 Animals
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