

## What Can I Do with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Anthropology?

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### About Anthropology

Anthropology is the broad study of human kind in all its diversity, in the past and present. It is the analytical study of how we evolved, the cultural development of society, and behavior of individuals. According to the American Association of Anthropology, there are four primary subfields to anthropology including: archaeology, linguistic, physical/biological, and sociocultural anthropology.

Archaeology studies the artifacts and relics of extinct cultures in order to reconstruct how people lived. It studies major trends in cultural evolution and techniques for finding, excavating, dating, and analyzing material remains of past societies.

Linguistic anthropology seeks to explain the ways in which language shapes social life and is used by humans. It focuses on the importance of socio-cultural influences, nonverbal communication, and the history of languages. This discipline studies the development and everyday use of human languages, especially modern language patterns and their influences on thought and action.

Physical/biological anthropology traces our biological origins, evolutionary development and genetic diversity. It's concerned with the origin of humans and our nearest relatives, the Primates, within the biological world. Gaining an evolutionary perspective provides a rich source of insight about why we are the way we are.

Sociocultural anthropology is the study of all peoples everywhere – what they make, what they do, what they think and how they organize their social relationships and societies. Social/cultural anthropologists are concerned with explaining human cultural variation and how different societies interact with each other in the modern world.

The study of Anthropology provides training that is well suited for the 21<sup>st</sup> century where the economy is increasingly international, workforces are ever more diverse, and good/well-developed communication skills are heavily in demand. Today's anthropology majors work in corporations, government, educational institutions, and non-profit associations.

### Career/Job Opportunities

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology enables students to apply for entry and mid-level jobs in a diverse range of public and private institutions seeking individuals with the transferable skills obtained from this discipline. Some anthropology graduates use their bachelor's degree as a foundation to go into other related fields such as Teaching, Law, International Business, Public Relations, Sales, Marketing and Personnel.

Some of the jobs found below require additional experience and education/training such as a master's or a doctorate level degree.



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This career/job listing is only a sample of the opportunities available; these are certainly not the only career/job options accessible with this degree. Some of the careers listed require further education.

For career descriptions, profiles and job outlooks enter the four digit code listed below in the Alberta Learning Information Service Website ([www.alis.gov.ab.ca](http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca)) or the National Occupational Classification Website (<http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/>).

Museum Interpreter/Technician [#5212]	Community Development Officer	Conservator [#5112]
Research Assistant [#4122]	Archivist Assistant [#5211]	Exhibit Technician/Officer [#5212]
Archaeological Technician [#5212]	Preservation/Restoration Assistant [#5212]	Immigration Officer [#1228]
Park Guide/Interpreter [#5212]	Cultural Artifact Specialist [#5112]	Foreign Service Officer [#4168]
Technical Writer [#5121]	English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher [#4131]	Anthropologist [#4169]
Professor [#4121]	Multicultural Education Specialist [#4164]	Urban Planner [#2153]
Heritage Assistant [#5212]	Market Researcher [#4163]	Employee Relations Specialist [#1121]
Insurance Claims Adjuster [#1233]	Probation Officer [#4155]	Park Interpreter [#5212]
Historical Village Technician [#5212]	Archaeological Field Worker [#4169]	Primate Behaviorist
Human Resources Consultant [#1121]	Human Rights Officer/Analyst [#4164]	Community Liaison Officer [#4212]
Employment Counsellor [#4213]	Mediator [#1121]	Community Facilitator
Lobbyist [#4164]	Volunteer Coordinator [#4212]	Social Survey Researcher [#4164]
Historian [#4169]	Investment Advisor [#1112]	Academic Advisor [#4143]



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Archivist [#5113]	Archaeologist [#4169]	Ethnologist [#4169]
Corporate Citizenship Officer [#4164]	Museum Manager [#0511]	Curator [#5112]
International Aid and Development Project Officer [#4164]	Social Scientist [#4169]	Economic Consultant [#4162]
Paleontologist [#2113]	Government Policy Advisor [#4164]	

**Employers** (not a comprehensive list)

Museums	Historical Societies	Zoos
Art Galleries	Parks and Historic Sites	Foreign Aid Agencies
Refugee/Immigrant Assistance Organizations	Market Research Firms	Foreign Service Organizations
Archaeology Firms	Educational Institutions	Private Organizations
Hospitals	Provincial/Federal Government	Consulting Firms
Law Offices	United Nations	Libraries

**Major Skills obtained from Bachelor of Arts – Anthropology** (not a comprehensive list)

Able to work both as part of a team and independently; can work effectively with groups in varied environments	Knowledge of a variety of ethnic groups, as well as many cultures in other countries - aware and accepting of cultural and social differences	Able to recognize social inequalities such as those based on gender, class, ethnicity, race, religion, disability, etc.
Think analytically and critically	Value diversity	Leadership qualities
Trained observer; understand the importance of collecting data	Knowledge about biological, ecological, and cultural factors that influence human behavior	Strong interpersonal communication (oral and written)
Detail-oriented	Able to carry out independent research	Strong professional ethics



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Able to evaluate events, information and ideas	Able to plan, research and present materials to a mass audience	Strong research, advanced writing and organization abilities
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## Listing of Potential Employers

Canadian Heritage (Government of Canada) – <http://www.chin.gc.ca/English/index.html>  
 City of Calgary – [www.calgary.ca](http://www.calgary.ca)  
 City of Edmonton – [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca)  
 City of Red Deer – [www.reddeer.ca](http://www.reddeer.ca)  
 Provincial Government of Alberta – [www.jobs.alberta.ca](http://www.jobs.alberta.ca)  
 Public Service Commission of Canada (Federal Government) – <http://jobs-emplois.gc.ca/>  
 Town of Lacombe – [www.lacombe.ca](http://www.lacombe.ca)  
 Town of Sylvan Lake – [www.town.sylvan-lake.ab.ca](http://www.town.sylvan-lake.ab.ca)

## General Job Search Websites

Albertajobs.com – [www.albertajobs.com](http://www.albertajobs.com)  
 Archaeologyfieldwork.com - <http://www.archaeologyfieldwork.com/forums/viewforum.php?f=1&sid=4ef125c1fe2d404fcc24e2951fa899ea>  
 Eluta: The Search Engine for New Jobs in Canada – [www.eluta.ca](http://www.eluta.ca)  
 Hireground Careers – [www.hgcareers.com](http://www.hgcareers.com)  
 Monster: Your Calling is Calling – [www.monster.ca](http://www.monster.ca)  
 Red Deer Job Shop – [www.reddeerjobshop.ca](http://www.reddeerjobshop.ca)  
 Service Canada: Job Bank – [www.jobbank.gc.ca](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca)  
 TalentEgg: hatching graduate careers – [www.talentegg.ca](http://www.talentegg.ca)  
 Workopolis.com: Canada's Biggest Job Site – [www.workopolis.com](http://www.workopolis.com)  
 Wowjobs: One Click All Jobs – [www.wowjobs.ca](http://www.wowjobs.ca)

## Professional Associations and Sites of Interest

American Anthropological Association - <http://www.aaanet.org/>  
 Canadian Archaeological Association - <http://www.canadianarchaeology.com/>  
 Canadian Association for Physical Anthropology - <http://www.utsch.utoronto.ca/~chan/capa/>  
 Canadian Association of Professional Conservators - [http://capc-acrp.ca/what\\_is\\_capc.asp](http://capc-acrp.ca/what_is_capc.asp)  
 Canadian Museums Association – <http://www.museums.ca/en/>  
 Sociocultural Anthropology - <http://socioculturalanthropology.com/>  
 The Canadian Anthropology Society - [http://casca.anthropologica.ca/ab\\_about.htm](http://casca.anthropologica.ca/ab_about.htm)

## RDC Department Information

Bachelor of Arts: Anthropology - [http://www.rdc.ab.ca/future\\_students/departments/humanities\\_social\\_sciences/disciplines/anthropology/](http://www.rdc.ab.ca/future_students/departments/humanities_social_sciences/disciplines/anthropology/)



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<http://linguisticanthropology.org/about/>  
<http://www.socanth.cam.ac.uk/prospectiveStudents.html>  
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