

CAREERS FOR

Anthropology

MAJORS

Anthropology is the study of human behavior and societies across time. UNM's Anthropology program focuses on the biological diversity and forms, behaviors, and meanings that underlie human experiences over the span of humans' existence. UNM's Anthropology Bachelor's degree offers concentrations in [Archaeology](#), [Ethnology](#) and [Evolutionary Anthropology](#).

Anthropology majors often pursue careers in fields such as education, museums, research, and preservation. Many graduates work in cultural resource management for public sector employers, like state governments, and for private sector employers, like real estate developers. With a bachelor's degree, graduates may qualify for entry level jobs such as a museum technician, research assistant, or archaeology field technician. Graduates with this degree may also enter teaching or other social services fields such as social work. Keep in mind that some occupations require further training. From [finding chocolate in Chaco Canyon](#) to studying the hands and feet from the [fossils of chimpanzees](#), there are many opportunities for anthropology graduates in New Mexico, with our rich, diverse cultural history, past, and present.

Industries & Occupations

Research and Cultural Resource Management

- Anthropologist,* archaeologist,* archivist, preservationist, conservator, exhibit preparation coordinator, historical background analyst, field technician, excavation, compliance

Museums, Arts and Culture

- Curator, restorer, collections manager, archivist, docent, exhibit design, community education

Government, Law and Policy

- Lawyer,* elected official, public policy, public administration, policy analyst, lobbying, advocacy, civil rights, human rights, international affairs, cultural preservation

K-12 and Higher Education

- Elementary school teacher,* secondary school teacher,* school administrator,* instructional coordinator, university faculty,* student services, multicultural student programming, advising

*Requires a license or graduate degree

Graduate School & Other Training

Many anthropology majors pursue graduate study in anthropology to gain the necessary skills and credentials to become a professional anthropologist or archaeologist. Some graduates pursue further training to obtain the licensure required for certain professions, like law, teaching and social work. Keep in mind that admissions requirements vary by program.

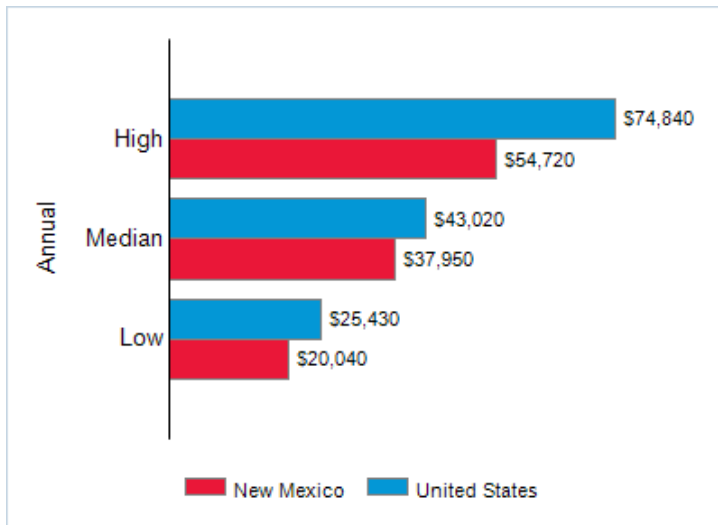
Selected Employment & Internship Opportunities

- [UNM Office of Contact Archeology](#)
- [NM Department of Cultural Affairs](#)
- [Lone Mountain Archaeological Services Inc.](#)
- [Southwest Art History Council](#)

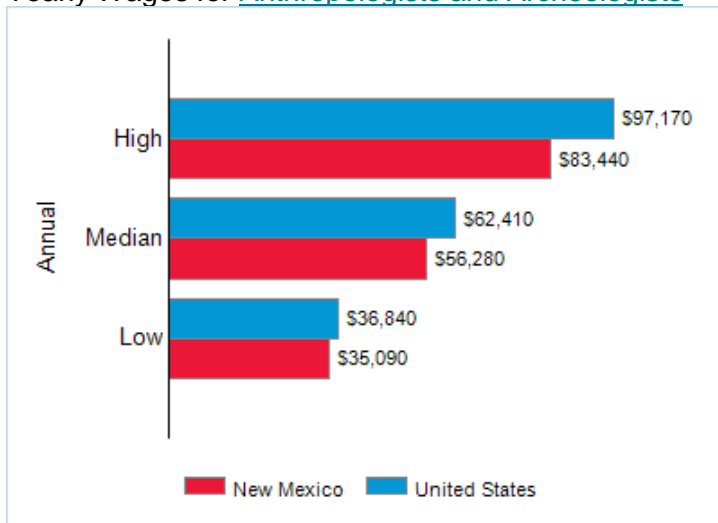
- [Archaeological Conservancy](#)
- [Forest Service](#)
- [National Parks Service](#)
- [SWCA Environmental Consultants](#)
- [Crow Canyon Archaeological Center](#)
- [Rocky Mountain Youth Corps](#)
- [AmeriCorps](#)
- [Peace Corps](#)
- [Indian Pueblo Cultural Center](#)
- [National Hispanic Cultural Center](#)

Salary Information

Yearly Wages for [Museum Technicians and Conservators](#)



Yearly Wages for [Anthropologists and Archeologists*](#)



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Tips

- Get field experience! UNM's Anthropology Department offers many [field experience opportunities](#). Hands-on experience is essential for building skills, growing your network, and figuring out what path is right for you.
- Many professional positions in anthropology require a graduate degree. Explore graduate programs in [Anthropology](#), [Museum Studies](#), and other disciplines.
- Consider joining the Undergraduate Anthropology Society at UNM to begin building your network in your field.
- Did you know that by serving in any [AmeriCorps program](#), you can earn an [education award](#) to help pay for graduate school?
- Interested in working for the federal government? Special programs for [students and recent grads](#) are a great way to get started.

Learn More

[American Anthropological Association](#)

[The Society for Applied Anthropology](#)

[UNM Department of Anthropology](#)

[Society for Medical Anthropology](#)

[Archaeological Society of New Mexico](#)

[New Mexico Association of Museums](#)

[Society for Psychological Anthropology](#)

[Evolutionary Anthropology Society](#)

[Register for Handshake: Jobs for Lobos](#)

[O*NET: Anthropologists](#)

[Occupational Outlook Handbook: Archivists, Curators, and Museum Workers](#)

[Student Activities Center: Anthropology Graduate Student Union, Undergraduate Anthropology Society](#)

[Buzzfile Employers by Major: Anthropology](#)

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