
WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN ... Anthropology

OCCUPATIONAL OVERVIEW:

According to the [UNM Anthropology website \(2013\)](#), "Anthropology is the study of humanity and its works, from the most remote point in human history to the cultural, linguistic and biological diversity of the present... Each of the five subfields of anthropology – archaeology, biological anthropology, ethnology, human evolutionary ecology, and linguistic anthropology – contributes to an integrated picture of past and present human variation, offering insights about why human society is as we find it today, and developing anthropological knowledge to address societal problems". The [UNM Anthropology \(2013\)](#) department provides a variety of concentrations: 1) Archeology; 2) Ethnology; 3) Evolutionary Anthropology. As undergraduates, UNM students can earn either a.

EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS:

A bachelor's degree is the minimum formal education required, and is excellent preparation for entering a variety of diverse occupations that require excellent writing skills, competency in research, and strong interpersonal skills. However, depending upon the student's career interests, some occupations may require a graduate degree (Master's, Ph.D., J.D.). Consult [O*Net](#) for more information on the specific KSAs (Knowledge, Skill, Ability) that are required for this career.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO:

The UNM Anthropology Program offers a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degree, a Master of Arts and Master of Science degree, as well as a Ph. D. program.

INDUSTRIES & TARGET EMPLOYERS:

A variety of employers specifically recruit UNM students and alumni. Consult UNM's [Lobo Career Connection](#) for a complete list of employers and current job postings. Speak with a Career Development Facilitator at the [UNM Office of Career Services](#) for help with identifying employers or additional resources for your occupation of choice.

Education

Teaching, Research, Administration, Two and four year colleges and universities, University research institutes or laboratories, Campus museums

Museums and Archives

Management, Curatorship, Conservation, Research and education, Libraries, Development, Natural history or history museums (universities, government, private), Archives

Galleries

Administration, curatorial, preservation and conservation, restoration, registrarial, collections management, exhibit design/preparation, archive management, art authentication, education, publications, development, docent coordination, public relations, reproductions and retailing, museums: university, public, private, archives, historical homes, special collections, historical societies, natural history museums, living history museums, art galleries, state and local government, federal government, particularly the National Archives and Records Administration, non-profit organizations, research institutions, corporations

Research/preservation

Exhibit preparation coordinator, historical background analyst, librarian, biography creationist, preservationist, museum specialist, curator, conservator, restorer, research association

Government

Administration, Cultural Resource Management, Surveying, Site Management, Excavation, Research, Museum Conservation, Legislative Compliance Review, Program Management/Evaluation, Policy Analysis, Urban Planning (positions in these areas can be found in a variety of federal and state agencies)

Business/Nonprofit

Market research analyst, personnel officer, sales/marketing representative, investment researcher, underwriter, insurance agent, loan administrator, manpower planner, organizational planner, management trainee, campaign planner, corporation, historian/archivist, consultant/research, consultant/cultural resource management, banker, stockbroker, account coordinator, customer supply analyst, arts council director, fundraising director, grants specialist, tour guide, foundation administrator, policy analyst, hospitals and other healthcare organizations, print and electronic media, retail stores, restaurants, hotels, manufactures

Student Affairs:

Administration, Greek affairs, advising, multicultural affairs, residence life, student activities

Suggested Strategies

- Gain professional experience in your area of interest through involvement in internships, student employment, Co-ops, and/or volunteer opportunities.
- Consider working in multiple departments throughout campus to gain experience in areas you are interested in through work study or student employment.
- Make strong connections throughout campus organizations by networking and attending campus events and activities.
- Consider earning a second degree, minor, or pursuing additional coursework in a complementary field of study (e.g., business).
- Focus on developing “transferable skills” such as computer competency, written/verbal communication, and project management.
- Seek leadership opportunities on campus. Some positions may require an advanced degree.
- Students who are interested in graduate school should maintain a high undergraduate GPA and develop relationships with faculty and community leaders.
- Speak with mentors and faculty about career opportunities.
- Research government internship program and think about interning with a government agency to get a foot in the door, as well as building your resume.
- Make sure to research organizations’ values, so it could be congruent with yours. Knowledge about organizations is critical, because it shows to employers that you’ve done your research and committed to work for them.

WHERE SHOULD I BEGIN?

USA Jobs (official job site of the federal government) www.usajobs.gov
Idealist.org (comprehensive site of international nonprofit opportunities) <http://www.idealists.org/>

STATE AND NATIONAL WAGES

Adapted from CareerOneStop (2013):

ANTHROPOLOGISTS AND ARCHAEOLOGISTS

Location	2012				
	10%	25%	Median	75%	90%
United States	\$33,300	\$42,600	\$57,400	\$74,600	\$91,100
New Mexico	\$33,800	\$42,900	\$54,000	\$68,900	\$81,800

INFORMATIONAL/ORGANIZATIONAL WEBSITES

UNM Department of Anthropology
Society for American Archaeology
Careers in Historical Archaeology
American Anthropological Association
American Academy of Forensic Science

<http://www.unm.edu/~anthro/>
<http://www.saa.org/careers/>
<http://www.sha.org>
<http://www.aaanet.org/profdev/careers/>
<http://www.aafs.org>

OTHER INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES

 <http://www.onetonline.org/>



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