



# Anthropology



## Special Points of Interest

- Opportunities in Research and Study Abroad.
- Opportunities in Professional Development and Organizations.
- Opportunities to participate in archaeology digs and observations.

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## Interested in Anthropology?

### About the Major

Anthropology is a social science that covers the breadth of human experience and encompasses four subfields: archaeology, biological, cultural, and linguistic anthropology. One of the characteristics that distinguishes anthropology from many other disciplines is its adherence to the concept of cultural relativism, which states that each culture is viewed on its own terms and not ethnocentrically against the standards of others.

The Anthropology Department at OU offers a broad education in anthropology on both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Our curriculum is based on the traditional four-field approach in archaeology, socio-cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, and linguistics.

### Internships

The Anthropology Department offers undergraduate internships, allowing students to gain real world experience that applies what they have learned in the classroom.

### Scholarships and Awards

- Iva Schmidt Springstead Award
- Robert E. Bell Award
- Graduating Senior Award
- William Bittle Ward
- Morris E. Opley Award
- Graduating Senior Award for Achievement in Anthropology



### Clubs and Organizations

The Anthropology Club is the undergraduate student organization that provides anthropology students an opportunity to meet, socialize, and learn more about anthropology.

The Oklahoma Anthropological Society is an organization consisting of professionals, students, and laypersons interested in anthropology, with an emphasis on archaeology. They sponsor an archaeological survey and excavation each year and provide seminars and training programs.

The Oklahoma Archeological Survey is located on the Norman Campus and is the state agency that administers and oversees the cultural resources of Oklahoma. Student positions and volunteer opportunities are available.

## Anthropology Curriculum

The Department of Anthropology has many undergraduate opportunities for hands-on field, laboratory, and museum experiences that apply classroom learning to the real world. Students can: 1. Spend a summer taking an archaeological field school and learning excavation techniques; 2. Volunteer in professors' archaeology and biological anthropology labs; 3. Work with faculty and tribes helping to maintain Native American languages in Oklahoma; 4. Help a faculty member on a health or medical anthropology project; 5. Volunteer at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History doing socio-cultural, linguistic, or archaeological anthropology; 6. Complete an internship in any of the four areas of anthropology plus museum studies.