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# COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

## Anthropology

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As of the fall semester 2021, the undergraduate program in Anthropology is no longer offering major or minor degrees. Courses that this program offers in the General and Liberal Education program will continue to be offered, along with a limited number of electives.

The mission of the Anthropology Department is to provide students with holistic, comparative knowledge about human history and human behavior through the integrated study of cultural and biological anthropology, archaeology, and linguistics; to give students the opportunity to engage in independent scholarship and field research; and to prepare students for a broad range of careers or for graduate study. The human species is unique among all life forms because ours is at once a biological and a cultural form. A major objective of the Anthropology program is to guide the student to an appreciation of the complexity of our heritage and to an awareness that we stand at but one point in the vast continuum of human experience.

Course selection is guided by a major professor in light of specific student needs and may include course work in other disciplines. Anthropology majors are encouraged to consider studying abroad for a semester. Franklin Pierce's study abroad program offers students a chance to live and study side by side with people from a different culture in Europe. It is also a chance to make friends that last a lifetime and to be cultural ambassadors at a time when this type of exchange is very important to the world.

A faculty advisor will assist those Anthropology majors interested in preparing for graduate school to develop a program at the Anthropology Honors level.

This is a different program from the Franklin Pierce University Honors program. Anthropology Honors programs are designed for students oriented toward graduate study in a number of fields, such as urban studies, law, medicine, public archaeology, community resource development, national and international development agencies, and any of the social service professions. Students who intend to teach Anthropology (Social Studies) in high school should refer to the School of Education for information on the [Secondary Teacher Certification](#) program.

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### Minor Requirements

Students who wish to minor in Anthropology may do so by working with an Anthropology faculty member to complete specified coursework. The minor program enriches an undergraduate's program of study by means of cross-cultural and historical perspectives. Requirements for the minor include a minimum of five courses, including either AN101, AN201 or AN113 and at least one course at the 300-level or above.

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