

ANTHROPOLOGY, B.A.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Program Learning Objectives

- **Content:** Students will demonstrate knowledge of the major concepts and theories of anthropology (archaeological, biological, cultural) and an understanding of human diversity, variation, and adaptation from cultural, biological, and historical perspectives.
- **Integrated Anthropological Inquiry:** Students will demonstrate informed knowledge of other cultures and diverse ways of life, both past and present, and an understanding of how diverse lines of anthropological inquiry can be integrated to understand the human condition.
- **Critical and Synthetic Thinking:** Students will 1) demonstrate the ability to use critical thinking and the scientific approach to solve problems related to biological and cultural variation, 2) demonstrate critical thinking in the analysis, evaluation, and interpretation of information from the scientific literature, and 3) demonstrate the ability to synthesize and integrate information and findings from diverse sources.
- **Effective Communication:** Students will demonstrate an ability to communicate core concepts of anthropological science effectively in both written and oral formats.
- **Methods and Research Skills:** Students will 1) demonstrate an understanding of current anthropological field and laboratory research methods and how these methods can be used to test hypotheses related to past and present human variation and adaptation in both cultural and biological contexts and 2) demonstrate an ability to analyze and interpret quantitative anthropological data based on statistics, graphs, and data tables.