

# MAP THE FUTURE ANTHROPOLOGY

A Guide For  
Optimizing Your Degree



This career map provides a general blueprint of how to navigate your under-graduate program. The map highlights quality experiences to supplement your coursework and identify academic milestones for years one through four.

Take advantage of the rich resources the university and Chattanooga community have to offer as you prepare for post-college years. During your time here, forge connections, participate in organizations and utilize exploratory learning options to gain real-world experiences outside of the classroom.

## ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Our mission is to provide an environment for intellectual curiosity and a foundation for life-long learning, thinking, reflection and growth. We do this by: equipping students with transferable skills, encouraging cultural and intellectual diversity and advancing knowledge through research and creative activities.

Small classes, careful advising and personal attention make our commitment work for students majoring in the fine arts, the humanities, the sciences and behavioral sciences, and for students preparing for professional study through a liberal education.

## YOUR ANTHROPOLOGY DEGREE

Anthropology is people: the study of the whole spectrum of human existence across time and space. By studying and understanding the human condition—past, present, future—students cultivate a deep appreciation for the value of human variation, both cultural and biological.

Anthropologists work in a wide variety of careers and fields: in museums, cultural resource management firms, advocacy, nonprofits, market research, human resources, community development and more.

UTC's anthropology program provides an environment with small classes, dedicated faculty, hands-on participation in laboratory and field research and a variety of internship or capstone experiences.

Students choose between earning a bachelor of arts (BA) or bachelor of science (BS) in anthropology.

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND JUSTICE STUDIES

Students and their futures are our first priority.

Our programs prepare students for professional and personal success in the context of a strong liberal arts education. We are committed to coursework that is grounded in theory, research and community engagement to help students prepare for their careers.

[utc.edu/anthropology](http://utc.edu/anthropology)

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ANTHROPOLOGY STUDENTS

**Jeffrey L. Brown Memorial Scholarship:** Available to students of anthropology or an allied field. Recipients demonstrate academic merit and “advance the academic ideals of environmental conservation and preservation of man’s historical past.” Recipients are generally juniors or beginning seniors and are recommended by the department’s faculty. Scholarship amounts vary each year; there is no application procedure.

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

UTC emphasizes opportunities for meaningful learning experiences inside and outside of the classroom. Anthropology students have opportunities to participate in internships for course credit and complete research with the guidance of our faculty.

## INTERNSHIPS

- Previous opportunities for anthropology students include:
- Jeffrey L. Brown Institute of Archaeology
- Bessie Smith Cultural Center
- Hunter Museum of American Art
- Partnership for Families, Children and Adults
- Urban League of Chattanooga

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING FOR ANTHROPOLOGY MAJORS

### Jeffrey L. Brown Institute of Archaeology

Students have the unique opportunity to gain field and lab experience by working with a research institute with deep ties to UTC. The Institute promotes scientific inquiry and outreach efforts in the areas of industrial, historical and prehistoric archaeology in Chattanooga and the Southeastern region.

Every year, the Institute sponsors an archaeological field school where students travel to locations beyond Chattanooga. Recent projects include uncovering plantation slaves' living quarters on Sapelo, Ossabaw and St. Simons Islands, Ga.

### Research

All students complete a two-course capstone sequence in which they commit to a research project from beginning to end.

Students regularly present this research at UTC's ReSEARCH Dialogues and at regional professional anthropology and sociology meetings.

Previous research conducted by students in our department include:

- "Establishing Biological Profile Based on Human Skeletal Remains"
- "Perceptions on Southeastern Mortuary Archaeology"
- "Race, Gender, Disability, and Personhood"
- "The Stereotypical Culture of Age Discrimination: The Subtle Cues of Ageism in Hiring Practices"
- "Implementing an Honors College Orientation with a Focus on Diversity"
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### Education

- Primary/Secondary Education
- ESL Instructor/Teaching English Abroad
- Museum/Science or Cultural Center Educational Outreach
- International Education Programs

### Sales/Marketing

- Marketing Consultant
- Market Research Analyst

## Sample advanced study options

MS, MA or Ph.D. programs in:

- Archaeology
- Biological Anthropology (including Forensic Anthropology)
- Cultural Anthropology
- Linguistic Anthropology

## CAREER POSSIBILITIES FOR ANTHROPOLOGY MAJORS

Are you starting college with a specific career in mind? Anthropology graduates excel in these jobs and more.

Visit University Career Services at [utc.edu/career-student-employment](http://utc.edu/career-student-employment) for a detailed list of career possibilities.

### Corporate Careers

- Cultural Resource Management
- Design/Marketing Research
- Corporate Organizational Development
- Tourism/Heritage
- Social Impact Assessment
- Gallery Curator/Project Designer
- Interpretive and Cultural Park Ranger
- Zoological Park Staff Member

### Social Science Researcher

- Research Assistant
- Statistician
- Community Research Liaison
- Data Analysis
- Urban Planning
- Ethnic/Cultural Studies
- Forensic Anthropologist

### Program Support

- Immigration Specialist
- Community Development
- Historic Preservation
- Museum/Curation
- Human Rights/Social Justice Advocacy
- International/National Public Health
- International Development
- Humanitarian Efforts
- Social Impact Assessment

**SUCCESS TRACK: ANTHROPOLOGY  
DEGREE: BA OR BS IN ANTHROPOLOGY**

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	PROF. DEVELOP.
EXPLORATION	Explore what interests you and identify your strengths with resources available through University Career Services.	Match more of your interests with future careers at <a href="http://mynextmove.org">mynextmove.org</a> . Learn more about occupations with O*NET and University Career Services online.	Grow your professional network and knowledge base. Discuss with faculty about appropriate professional associations and scientific literature to join or follow.  Plan for internships and graduate school.	Identify your unique mix of abilities and experiences to launch a job search.  Develop a datasheet of job openings that interest you.	American Anthropological Association <a href="http://americananthro.org">americananthro.org</a>
ACADEMIC MILESTONES	Complete Introductory level ANTH courses (2-3), appropriate General Education classes and two semesters of a Foreign Language (BA students). Consider career or further study options.	Complete introductory level ANTH courses, two 2000-level ANTH courses, continue General Education requirements (including statistics), second year of a foreign language (BA students).	Complete 3000-level ANTH electives, ANTH Theory, General Education classes, lab requirement, ANTH Media and Communication or ANTH Archaeological Field Methods.	Complete two-course final capstone sequence: Ethnographic Methods and Research Seminar; outstanding 3000-level ANTH electives.  Apply to graduate and complete Senior Exit Exam.	American Association of Physical Anthropologists <a href="http://physanth.org">physanth.org</a>
CONNECTIONS	Consider joining a student club in your major.  Check out student development opportunities.  Schedule an appointment with a faculty member to discuss your major and occupations.	Get involved with campus and community organizations.  Explore research opportunities and apply for a Provost Student Research Award.	Join an appropriate professional organization.  Network with department and UTC alumni.  Talk with your advisor about internships or individual studies.	Submit a proposal for RESEARCH Dialogues to showcase your research and presentation skills.  Submit a proposal to present at a regional sociological conference.	Society for American Archaeology <a href="http://saa.org">saa.org</a>
READINESS	Meet with University Career Services.  Identify four skills employers want and begin cultivating them now.  Attend a part-time job fair in fall or spring.	Write your first professional résumé.  Begin saving job search websites and contact information of potential mentors or employers.  Invest in an interview outfit.	Take advantage of University Career Services' MOC interview programs.  Attend career fairs on campus.  Develop communication skills.	Contact organizations and associations in your interest area for informational interviews, potential mentors and shadowing opportunities.  Utilize University Career Services' resources.	Southern Anthropological Association <a href="http://southernanthro.org">southernanthro.org</a>
ACHIEVEMENT	Complete 30 credit hours. Meet with your advisor twice.  Declare your major.  Have your second year mapped out and a general plan for years three and four.	Complete 60 credit hours. Meet with your advisor three times.  Have your third year mapped out and a general plan for year four.	Complete 90 credit hours. Begin your minor and internship planning.  If you don't have an internship, consider a summer job in an area of interest.	Complete 120 hours. Share post-graduation successes with your department.  Join the Alumni Association.	Society for Linguistic Anthropology <a href="http://inguisticanthropology.org">inguisticanthropology.org</a>