



COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Anthropology

UMaine's ADVANTAGE

- Excellent opportunities for student involvement in field and lab research
- Close interaction with faculty
- Engagement with 21st century issues such as climate change, international affairs, religious fundamentalism, and environmental policy
- Work opportunities in teaching, labs, and the field

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WHY STUDY ANTHROPOLOGY AT UMAINE?

Anthropology promotes understanding and appreciation of social complexity and diversity, actively improving the human condition. Anthropology faculty at the University of Maine are nationally and internationally known for their interdisciplinary research, which instills in students a broad understanding of human complexity through time and across the globe. Anthropology provides a well-rounded, generalist education that provides students with the ability to critically evaluate theories, options and actions that affect humankind. UMaine anthropology students are involved directly in research in the lab, in the field, and through independent, faculty-mentored study opportunities. Students have participated in excavations in Peru and Belize to analyze changes in ancient urban and agricultural landscapes; participated as research assistants in forensic taphonomy experiments; been involved in research of the Maine groundfish industry; and participated in the analysis of cultural perceptions of climate change. The department has five active research laboratories where students are involved in many aspects of research analysis.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEGREE IN ANTHROPOLOGY?

Anthropologists are concerned with humans and work toward understanding human culture — past and present — and how to make the world a better place for all societies. Anthropology provides broad training in the social sciences. A background in anthropology is useful in any career in which an understanding of people or the societies in which they live is important. Due to the broad nature of the field, students trained in anthropology have pursued a wide range of careers, including law, medicine, teaching, administration, archaeology, social work, business, theology, library science, writing,

museum work, nursing, foreign service, government, computer programming, clinical psychology, education and economic development.

OUR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

Students analyze the spectrum of human existence — from 6.5 million years ago, when the first hominid set foot on the African continent, through the process of human evolution, domestication of plants and animals, development of civilization, migration to the ends of the Earth, and the present diversity of cultures, religions, economies and kinship systems seen around the world. The department offers degree programs in anthropology, human dimensions of climate change, and international affairs/anthropology through its collaboration with UMaine's International Affairs Program. After introductory courses, which are large service classes, anthropology majors are enrolled in smaller-sized lecture courses, seminars and labs. The capstone course, the culmination of a student's undergraduate career, reflects on what it means to be human through key issues in the field of anthropology.

OUR GRADUATE PROGRAM

UMaine offers a Ph.D. in anthropology and environmental policy focused on understanding human society and culture in cross-cultural perspective, and their pivotal role in implementing successful environmental policy. The program engages students in a multidisciplinary framework bridging environmental sciences and policy while focusing on the socio-cultural impacts and responses to local and global environmental change. Ph.D. students are part of a larger cohort of environmental policy faculty and students in marine policy, climate change, economics, ecology and forestry resources.

ABOUT UMAINE

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's premier public university. It is among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast and attracts students from across the U.S. and more than 73 countries. It currently enrolls 11,286 total undergraduate and graduate students who can directly participate in groundbreaking research working with world-class scholars. The University of Maine offers doctoral degrees in 35 fields, representing the humanities, sciences, engineering and education; master's degrees in roughly 70 disciplines; 90 undergraduate majors and academic programs; and one of the oldest and most prestigious honors programs in the U.S. The university promotes environmental stewardship on its campus, with substantial efforts aimed at conserving energy, recycling and adhering to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit umaine.edu.

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*Bachelor of Arts in
Anthropology*

*Human Dimensions of
Climate Change*

*International Affairs/
Anthropology*

*Minor in
Anthropology*

Archaeology

*Doctor of Philosophy in
Anthropology and
Environmental Policy*

*Five-Year Master in
Business Administration*



OUR FACULTY

Department faculty members are recognized for their outstanding teaching and research. Anthropology faculty have won the top awards in the discipline, as well as UMaine awards such as Distinguished Maine Professor, the Presidential Teaching Award, the Presidential Research Award and the Presidential Service Award. Faculty members frequently publish numerous books and journal articles. They also present their work at national and international venues. Most are also jointly appointed or affiliated with other units across campus, illustrating the department's involvement in interdisciplinary research and teaching.

OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCEL

Anthropology offers a number of opportunities for students to excel through involvement with faculty on research projects

in the field and laboratory, or through literature analysis. An active Anthropology Club discusses the field, shows films, interacts with faculty in informal settings, demonstrates and tries flint-knapping and attends conferences and other events. The department regularly employs undergraduate teaching assistants for courses with large enrollments, including Forensic Anthropology, Introduction to Folklore, and World Geography, as well as work-study assistants for laboratory research analyses. Every year the department honors the top first-year student, top graduating senior and most-involved student.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Visit umaine.edu for an application, as well as information about academics and life at UMaine.



My experience in the Anthropology Department — in particular, the research opportunities and faculty mentoring — has challenged and motivated me to live up to my full potential.”

— Jamie Wren, Class of 2012, Anthropology B.A.

