Anthropology is the science of humanity. The central questions in this discipline have to do with where humans came from, where they are going, who they are, what their nature is and how cultures vary. There are several different types of anthropology that you can explore. The four major subcategories of anthropology are archaeology, cultural anthropology, physical (or biological) anthropology, and linguistics.

Archaeologists are perhaps one of the more popular types of anthropologists. By studying artifacts, such as pottery shards, arrowheads, buried walls, and human remains, archaeologists tell us what life was like at a particular time in prehistory. They also attempt to explain how cultures and people change over time and the causes for this change.

Anthropology is the most humanistic of the sciences and the most scientific of the humanities.

~ Alfred L. Kroeber quotes
OTHER TYPES OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Physical anthropologists, also known as biological anthropologists, study what it means to be human from the biological point of view. This includes studies in evolution, human biology, and primatology (the study of primates).

Linguistics is one of the less popular fields in anthropology. It involves the study of languages cross-culturally (comparing different cultures) and across time. One thing that linguists do is break words down into smaller parts to look for similarities and differences. By comparing the details of languages, the history of a language can be discovered. Once we understand this evolution, we can understand how cultures in the past interacted.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Anthropology program at Oxnard College offers a selection of lower division courses in physical anthropology, cultural anthropology, gender, cross-cultural psychology, peoples of the world, prehistory, linguistics and archaeology. Anthropology is an excellent transfer degree, as it is a broad field with both biological and social scientific methods. Anthropology’s central questions have to do with where humans came from, where they are going, who they are, what their nature is and how cultures vary.

Students who have completed courses or A.A. degrees in anthropology have transferred to Stanford, UCLA, UCSB, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UCSD, UC Irvine, UC Santa Cruz, USC, CSU Chico, CSU Northridge, CSU Channel Islands, SUNY, New York University, Pepperdine and other colleges and universities.

REQUIRED COURSES

Associate in Arts Degree
- ANTH R101 Biological Anthropology 3 units
- ANTH R102 Cultural Anthropology 3 units

Complete one of the two following courses:
- ANTH R103 Introduction to Archaeology 3 units
- ANTH R115 Introduction to Linguistics 3 units

Complete a minimum of 9 units from the following:
- ANTH R105 Sex, Gender and Culture 3 units
- ANTH R106 Culture and Personality 3 units
- ANTH R107 Introduction to Native America 3 units
- ANTH R110 People and Cultures of the World 3 units
- ANTH R113 Ancient Civilizations of the Americas 3 units
- ANTH R111 Magic, Witchcraft, & Religion 3 units
- ANTH R115 Introduction to Linguistics 3 units
- ART R102 Art History I 3 units
- IDS R102 Science, Technology, and Human Values 3 units
- MATH R105 Introductory Statistics 4 units
- PHIL R108 World Mythology 3 units
- PSY R103 Statistics for Behavioral Science 3 units

Total Required Units 18

THE POTENTIAL JOB MARKET

There are employment opportunities for graduates in Business, Criminology, Documentary Filmmaking, Marketing, Environmental Science, Non-profit Business, Park Ranger, Politics, Event Organizer, Social Work, and Translating.

Physical anthropologists can be found doing a variety of things from excavating fossilized remains in Africa, to studying lemurs in South American, to analyzing human blood types in a laboratory.