Welcome to Anthropology

Anthropology seeks to understand the whole panorama of human existence around the world and through time. The discipline is comparative and holistic. Almost anything related to humanity can be studied.

The interests of UTM’s 15 full-time faculty members reflect the broad mandate of anthropology, covering all four subfields: archaeology, linguistic anthropology, socio-cultural anthropology, and biological anthropology (including forensics, health, and molecular anthropology). Our faculty research and teach on a broad array of topics ranging over the sciences, social sciences, and humanities to study humans from all perspectives. Our common goal? To advance knowledge of who humans are and how we came to be this way.

Our goal as a department is to train our students in the fundamentals of all the subfields. We aim to produce students who are curious about the world in its complexity, who can critically assess the human condition, and who are well versed in the skills, theories, and databases of anthropology. Students can earn either BA or BSc degrees, providing many flexible career options.

Check out the titles of some of our cool courses:

- Magic and Science
- Capitalism and its Rebels
- Sex, Evolution and Behaviour
- World Religions and Ecology
- Archaeological Fieldwork
- Forensic Anthropology Field School
- Fantasies, Hoaxes & Misrepresentation of the Ancient World
- Being Human: Classic Thought on Self and Society
- Biological Anthropology: Human Variation and Adaption
- Introduction to the Anthropology of Health
- Anthropologies of Water: On Meaning, Value, and Futures
- How Should One Live? An Introduction to the Anthropology of Ethics

But relax...don’t worry about having to make lots of decisions before you begin university. If you’re interested in our programs, just be sure to take our first year courses, ANT101H5 and ANT102H5. You choose your program of study after you complete the first year of university. So...you have some time. University is a time to explore and take interesting courses that you are passionate about! Check us out!
CAREERS IN ANTHROPOLOGY

The broad-based degree programs in Anthropology at UTM are ideal for positioning the graduate in a rapidly changing world of work. Students make their own choice of courses in the upper years to keep a broad four-field base or narrow into chosen specialties. The department recommends a broad base and flexible background as the best preparation for the wide range of careers our graduates pursue; the skills and knowledge outcomes from our classes are applicable across many career areas.

Anthropologists find jobs in national and international agencies, both governmental and non-governmental, in fields related to human rights, public health, heritage and preservation, criminal justice, or science and technology policy. Many anthropologists work for private companies in public outreach, advertising, tourism, engineering and construction, and data or lab analysis. Of course, some anthropologists also teach at universities and colleges, or work in museums or research institutes, but this is just one pathway in a diverse career field.

Below are examples of career areas and positions for anthropologists; there are many more!

- Epidemiology
- Filmmaker / Actor
- Foreign Service or Refugee Service Officer
- Government Policy & Management
- Government Representative
- Heritage & Tourism Management
- Human Resources
- International Business Advisor
- Lawyer, Court Officer
- Marketing & Marketing Research
- Museum / Art Gallery Curator and Director
- Non-profit Agencies of all types
- Parks and Recreations
- Police, Criminal Justice, Forensics
- Public Health Service & Policy
- Public Relations Specialist
- Research Analyst (Government & NGO)
- Scholarly & Popular Press Editor
- Social Worker
- Writer (Fiction, Non-fiction, Journalism)

FOUR FIELDS OF STUDY IN ANTHROPOLOGY:

Archaeology
Socio-Cultural
Linguistic
Biological

We [anthropologists] have been the first to insist on a number of things: that the world does not divide into the pious and the superstitious; that there are sculptures in jungles and paintings in deserts; that political order is possible without centralized power and principled justice without codified rules; that the norms of reason were not fixed in Greece, the evolution of morality not consummated in England. Most important, we were the first to insist that we see the lives of others through lenses of our own grinding and that they look back on ours through ones of their own.

--Clifford Geertz