



UNIVERSITY OF
TORONTO
MISSISSAUGA

Department of Anthropology

Local and International Learning and Research



*Terrence Donnelly Health Sciences Complex, U of T Mississauga.
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World-class Studies in a Growing Community

The University of Toronto tri-campus is ranked at number ten in the world for the subject of Anthropology in the QS World University Rankings by Subject for 2021.

Undergraduate Students

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 Honours Bachelor of Arts or Honours Bachelor of Science degrees, providing many flexible career options.

Graduate Students

The University of Toronto offers Masters of Arts, Masters of Science, and Doctoral programs in Anthropology, including collaborative programs with other departments. Research-stream Anthropology faculty at U of T participate fully in the graduate programs. UTM provides a supportive community for graduate students as they participate in research, teaching, and professional development activities.

Alumni

Graduates of UTM Anthropology programs bring their skills and knowledge to a wide variety of fascinating and fulfilling career settings. Visit our website to see what just a few of our outstanding alumni are up to! If you are a graduate and you would like to stay in touch with our department, please send an email to secretary.utmanthro@utoronto.ca.

Faculty

University of Toronto Mississauga Anthropology faculty members research and teach on a broad array of topics ranging across the sciences, social sciences, and humanities to study humans from all perspectives. Our interests reflect the broad mandate of anthropology as a discipline. Our common goal as faculty is to advance knowledge of who humans are and how we came to be this way.



*UTM students outside of the UTM Library.
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Local Experiential Learning for Undergraduate Students

Local experiential learning in the fields of Anthropology can provide students with opportunities to gain hands-on experience, acquire new skills, develop closer ties to the community, and more.

The Indigenous Peoples of Turtle Island

ANT241 students examine the relationship between the field of anthropology and the Indigenous people of Turtle Island (i.e. North America), including the past, present, and future manifestations of this relationship. Indigenous, decolonial, and community scholars are emphasized in the course, and students are encouraged to think critically and reflect on their own world views.

Forensic Anthropology Field School

ANT306 students are introduced to forensic anthropological field techniques and scene interpretation. Classes take place in the field and in the teaching lab on the UTM campus. Students get hands-on experience learning about crime scene protocols and record keeping. Topics covered include mapping scenes, excavation techniques, casting soil imprints, collecting and maintaining the chain of evidence, and more.

Archaeological Fieldwork

ANT318 and ANT418 students develop grounding in the techniques and methods employed by archaeologists to extract data from an archaeological site and to process these data in the laboratory. The field sessions include excavation practices, data recording, flotation, mapping, and photography. Laboratory classes focus on washing and cataloguing the artifacts excavated during the summer.

International Experiential Learning for Undergraduate Students

International learning and research experience can deepen a student's understanding of Anthropological topics while learning about the diversity of culture that exists in the world.

Benefits of international experiential learning

Undergraduate students studying Anthropology at UTM can experience learning in a wide array of settings outside of traditional classroom spaces, including exciting international research and learning opportunities. Students who participate can:

- develop anthropological research skills;
- contribute to transformational research;
- add international experience to resumes;
- learn about the diversity in culture that exists in the world;
- establish connections with fellow students and professors; and
- explore a variety of locations ranging from urban cities to rural area.

International Trips

The Department of Anthropology has offered the following exciting international learning opportunities in partnership with UTM's International Education Centre:

- Anthropology of Gender learning experience in Tanzania (ANT335)
- Learning about the role of women in Ghana (Co-curricular international learning experience)
- Research Opportunity Program in Japan (ANT399)



*Students in Zanzibar as part of international learning experience.
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Graduate Student Research

Graduate students at UTM conduct groundbreaking research activities across the various subfields of Anthropology. These are just a few of the research topics of Masters and Doctoral students studying Anthropology at U of T Mississauga:

Anthropological Archaeology

Investigation of indigenous production and landscape construction in pre-contact southwestern Ontario using paleoethnobotanical methods.

Biological Anthropology

Study of the morphological signature of hybridization in mammals to help develop a model for identifying hybrids in the human fossil record.

Forensic Anthropology

Developing 3D image-based techniques to examine human variation to aid in missing persons' identifications.

Anthropology of Health

Studying the health consequences of limited access to birthing services among communities in Canada.

Linguistic Anthropology

Ethnographic research on the connections between language, diversity, and voting behavior in the Greater Toronto Area.

Sociocultural Anthropology

Ethnographic fieldwork the struggle for Kurdish in Turkish-occupied Diyarba.

Faculty Research

Our faculty are dedicated to disseminating anthropological knowledge through teaching, research, writing, and other outreach.

North America

- Health research and policy in Northern Canada
- Forensic anthropology and crime scene technology in Canada
- Vitamin D status in Canada
- Pre-contact Indigenous history of Northeastern America
- Application of next genome sequencing methods in Forensic Science in Canada and the United States
- Genetic risk factors for type 2 diabetes in Mexico
- Genetic variation and demographic history in Cuba
- Environmental archaeology of coastal British Columbia

South America

- Pharmacogenomic studies in Brazil

Europe

- Welfare and citizenship in Italy
- Energy and fracking in the United Kingdom

Middle East

- Political and legal anthropology in Iraq and Turkey
- Smuggling networks across Turkey, Iraq, and Iran

Africa

- Language and Muslim youth in Kenya
- Sleep-wake patterns in Tanzania foragers
- Hominin evolution in South Africa
- Politics of knowledge and gender in Tanzania
- Malagasy small-scale agriculturalists

South Asia

- Language and politics in India
- Archaeology of urban societies in South Asia
- Ancient technology in South Asia and beyond
- Genetics and evolution of pigmentation in South Asia

East Asia

- Prehistoric technologies and origins of agriculture in China
- Sociolinguistics in Vietnam
- Genetics in East Asia



*Professor David Samson conducting research with lemur.
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