Anthropology
Local and International Learning and Research
Study Anthropology at U of T Mississauga

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

Areas of Study

Archaeology
The study of aspects of human life in the past.

Biological Anthropology
The study of biology and how it relates to cultural and physical environments.

Forensic Anthropology
The study of body deposition and scene reconstruction, human remains recovery, human identification, the postmortem interval, and skeletal trauma in modern legal contexts.

Anthropology of Health
The study of the effects of cultural and socioeconomic processes on biological and health outcomes in human populations.

Linguistic Anthropology
The study of human communication across the globe.

Sociocultural Anthropology
The study of individuals and societies, their behaviours and beliefs, and culture.
The University of Toronto tri-campus is ranked at number eight in the world for the subject of Anthropology in the QS World University Rankings by Subject for 2018. Ranking academic and employer reputations, research citations per paper, and H-index score.

People

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.

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.
Local Experiential Learning for Undergraduates

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 will examine the relationship between the field of anthropology and Indigenous people of Turtle Island (i.e. North America), including the past, present, and future manifestations of this relationship. Indigenous, decolonial, and community scholars will be emphasized in the course, and students will be 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.

**China, Korea, and Japan in Prehistory**

ANT313 students can participate in an exclusive guided tour of the Royal Ontario Museum's collection of East Asian artifacts. This tour has been guided by a ROM Vice-president and Senior Curator with expertise in Chinese Archaeology. Students can gain a deeper understanding of the course content and the fascinating world of East Asian archaeology through viewing and learning about these artifacts at the museum.
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.

Anthropologies of Water

ANT463 students have the opportunity to engage in hands-on, place-based learning with a focus on critical water-related issues in Toronto, Mississauga, and the Great Lakes Region. Excursions in 2018 included a trip to Six Nations Reserve to learn about what it means to live under a water advisory, a guided eco-tour along the shores of the Credit River, and a trip to view The Work of Wind: Air, Land, Sea outdoor art exhibit by the shores of Lake Ontario.
International Experiential Learning for Undergraduates

International learning and research experience can deepen your understanding of Anthropological topics as you learn about the diversity of culture that exists in the world.

Benefits of international experiential learning

Undergraduates 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.

Research Opportunity Program in Japan

During the Fall 2018 reading week, a small group of senior UTM undergraduate students travelled with Professor Gary Crawford to Hokkaido as part of their ANT399 Research Opportunity Program course. They visited the Sakshu Kotoni Gawa and other archaeological sites to learn about heritage management and archaeological practice in Japan. The trip included learning about the natural history of Hokkaido, and a visit to an Ainu community.

This trip was offered in partnership with the Research Opportunity Program and the International Education Centre.
Anthropology of Gender with optional international learning experience in Tanzania

During the October 2017 reading week, a group of UTM undergraduate students travelled with Professor Sarah Hillewaert to Tanzania as part of ANT335: Anthropology of Gender. Participants were immersed in Tanzania’s rich cultural landscape as they explored how notions of gender are both locally situated and also shaped by global, religious, and different cultural influences. Stops included the urban metropolis of Dar es Salaam, the rural settlements of the Serengeti, and Old Town on the island of Zanzibar.

This Co-Curricular Experience was offered as part of the International Education Centre’s UTM Abroad Program.

Learning about the role of women in Ghana

During the February 2017 reading week, a group of UTM undergraduate students travelled with Professor Sarah Hillewaert to Ghana in order to explore the role of women as members of Ghanaian society and as agents of change. They journeyed from the metropolitan hub of Accra to the stunning landscape of Cape Coast, while examining opportunities for community-driven advancement and obstacles to gender equality.

This Co-Curricular Experience was offered as part of the International Education Centre’s UTM Abroad Program.
Graduate Student Research

Graduate students at UTM conduct a wide array of ground-breaking research activities across the various subfields of Anthropology. These are just a few of the research topics of current 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

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 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

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
- Origins of agriculture in Japan
- Sociolinguistics in Vietnam
- Genetics in East Asia
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