The University of Maryland’s bachelor degree Anthropology graduates have been successful in many different fields post-graduation, including museums and archives, education, federal/state government, archaeology, cultural resources, and business.

Using information from the annual University of Maryland Graduation Survey and additional sources, we have compiled information about Anthropology majors, such as their post-graduation adventures. Review additional resources at the University Career Center @ BSOS Your Career webpage. The coursework required in Anthropology provides great preparation for jobs that involve working with people and understanding of cultural differences. Many students pair it with a minor in urban planning, business, sociology, GIS, or environmental science to name a few.

## Related Titles/Industry (Sample)

Explore career paths of ANTH majors with LinkedIn’s Alumni tool.

*Note: Must have a LinkedIn account to access.*

### Education

**Job Titles:**
- Academic Program Assistant
- Activities Assistant
- Admission Counselor
- Assistant Program Coordinator
- Baltimore Corps Fellow
- Career and Life Skills Advisor
- Education Abroad Advisor
- Education Coordinator/Specialist
- Educator
- History Teacher
- Primary School Teacher
- Teacher
- Teacher Fellow

**Organizations:**
- American University
- AmeriCorps
- Collegiate Teaching Fellow
- El Colegio de Panama
- Innovation Works
- Irvine Nature Center
- National Aquarium
- National Geographic
- Soccer Without Borders
- Teach for America
- The Next Step Public Charter School
- University of Maryland
- University of Maryland Baltimore
- WSBCES

**Entry tips:**
*Important qualities/skills generally include:* communication, organizational, and creativity skills.

Apply for experiences working with youth while in school to demonstrate and test your interest.

For detailed tips, visit Vault’s Guide to Education.

### Business | Management | Marketing

**Job Titles:**
- Assessments Representative
- Assistant
- Festival Coordinator
- General Manager
- Insurance Agent
- Membership Services Coordinator
- Post-Bacc Fellow
- Program Analyst
- Program Manager
- Proposal Coordinator
- Recruiter
- Senior Guest Service Associate
- Recruitment Specialist & Coordinator
- Territory Sales Manager

**Organizations:**
- Aerotek
- American Anthropological Association
- Bankers Life
- BoardSource
- Cherry Hill Campground
- Deloitte
- Frutta Bowls
- Mars
- National Cancer Institute
- PayPal
- University of Maryland
- Washington Jewish Film Festival

**Entry tips:**
*Important qualities/skills generally include:* analytical, communication, creativity, decision making, interpersonal, organizational skills.

For detailed tips, visit Vault’s Guide:  
- **Business Administration Jobs**
- **Consulting**
- **Real Estate**
- **Consulting Jobs**

Apply for internships. Employers recruit full-time employees from their internship programs.
## Museums | Archives | Curators

**Job Titles:**
- Archivist Technician
- Collections Assistant, Anthropology
- Coordinator
- Curator
- Digital Format Specialist
- Fellow - Latino Museum Studies
- Legislative Management Officer
- Museum Technician
- Museum Tour Guide
- On-Site Educator
- Outreach and Collections Specialist
- Preservation Specialist
- Publications and Digital Imaging
  - Post-Grad Intern
- Special Assistant

### Organizations:
- Kidsbridge Tolerance Museum
- National Archives II
- Smithsonian Institution
- Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of American History
- Smithsonian Transcription Center, Quotient, Inc.
- The National Museum of African American History and Culture
- U.S. National Archives and Records Administration
- UMD, University Archives

### The largest employers:
- Museums, historical sites, government and then educational services (state, local, and private)

**Entry tips:**
*Important qualities/skills generally include:* analytical, customer service, organizational and technical skills
- Apply for internships in the field or volunteer at local museums.
- Helpful skills to obtain: grant writing, budgeting, and computer knowledge.
- Many positions require an advance degree.

For detailed tips, visit Vault’s Guide to Museum and Cultural Center Jobs.

### WORK AREAS:
- **Archivists** preserve important or historically significant documents and records. They coordinate educational and public outreach programs, such as tours, workshops, lectures, and classes. They also may work with researchers. (OOH)
- **Curators**, also known as museum directors, lead the acquisition, storage, and exhibition of collections. They negotiate and authorize the purchase, sale, exchange, and loan of collections. They also may research, authenticate, evaluate, and categorize the specimens in a collection. (OOH)
- **Museum technicians**, commonly known as registrars or collections specialists, concentrate on the care and safeguarding of the objects in museum collections and exhibitions. They oversee the logistics of acquisitions, insurance policies, risk management, and loaning of objects to and from the museum for exhibition or research. (OOH)
- **Conservators** handle, preserve, treat, and keep records of works of art, artifacts, and specimens. They may perform substantial historical, scientific, and archeological research. They document their findings and treat items in order to minimize deterioration or restore them to their original state. Conservators usually specialize in a particular material or group of objects. (OOH)

**Spotlight on Anthropology majors’ experiences:**

*See Profiles*
State Government | Federal

Job Titles:
- Americorps, Patapsco Valley State Park
- Cultural Anthropologist
- Cultural Resource Manager
- Integrated Resources Program Manager
- Lead Teacher - Assistant Director
- Park Naturalist

Organizations:
- Anne Arundel County Planning & Zoning Cultural Resources Management Division
- Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary of the Interior
- Maryland Conservation Corps
- Maryland Government
- National Park Services, Yellowstone
- National Park Services, Department of the Interior
- VA, Department of Historic Resources

Entry tips:
- Important qualities/skills generally include: varies based on job function. Most professional apply out of a passion for service or the mission of the agency speaks to them.

Federal opportunities:
- USAJobs | Application tips

For detailed tips, visit Vault’s Guide to Park and Public Land Jobs

General Anthropology Series: This series covers all classes of positions the duties of which are to advise on, supervise or perform research or other professional and scientific work in the anthropological sciences except archeology. This work may be specialized in one or several of the branches of the scientific field that includes ethology, physical anthropology, and scientific linguistics.

Learn more about the variety of careers paths and opportunities in the nation's parks and public lands, contact:
- Trust for Public Land (TPL), 101 Montgomery Street, Suite 900, San Francisco, CA. This national nonprofit conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens, historic sites, rural lands, and other natural places.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

Research | Archaeology

Job Titles:
- Archaeology Technician
- Archeological Field Technician
- Blogger
- Field Archaeologist
- Field Technician
- Insider Threat Behavioral Scientist
- Lab Supervisor
- Planner/Analyst
- Qualitative Research Associate
- Research Analyst
- Research Assistant
- Research Engineer

Organizations:
- Archaeology in the Community
- Atlantic Media
- CENTRA Technology
- Linda Stone, RPA
- Louis Berger
- Mitre Corporation
- National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- Stantec
- START, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism
- Straughen Environmental
- The RESOLVE Network
- The Urban Institute
- University of Maryland

Entry tips:
- Start building relationships and gaining experience as a student with faculty on campus.

Best search strategy: Networking. Examine who is conducting the type of research you are interested in pursuing and reach out to them.

Reach out to them and share that you are a student/recent grad and that you think you can help them in their pursuits because of your (insert skills).
Explore Career Paths: Resources

Use the sample job titles listed in this document to start exploring career paths.

The links below provide search boxes for you to locate more information on the titles as well as search for other options.

- [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#), a career title dictionary
- [O*NET Online](#), the nation's primary source of occupational information
- [FOCUS2](#), explore career paths using self-assessment questionnaires
- [Terrapins Connect](#), talk with professionals working in the field through UMD’s alumni network
- [Federal positions by major](#), research career titles with the federal government related to your major

**Vault Guides** - browse 100’s of industry guides to gain inside tips (see examples below).

More resources to explore career paths

- [All about Forensic Science](#), information on forensic anthropology
- [Careers in Anthropology](#), AAA provides sample areas where anthropology majors work
- [Non-academic Careers in Anthropology](#) (AAPA), focuses on careers in physical anthropology
- Spotlight: [UMD Anthropology Alumni](#)

Gain Experience

The links below will be a helpful starting point in locating opportunities. Identify the type of experience that meets your needs.

*Sample list of opportunities:*

- [BSOS Engagement Opportunities](#) - browse links on out of the classroom experiences
- [Careers4Terps](#) - check out job and internship openings for off-campus positions for UMD students
- [UMD National Scholarships Office](#) - review a listing of opportunities for UMD
- [Federal government internships](#) - links to openings and application tips
- [Start your search with these tips](#) - provided by the University Career Center @ BSOS
- [Browse positions](#) - featured in Careers4Terps

**The UMD Department of Anthropology offers:**

- Internship
- Field School
- Study Abroad
- Independent Study

**Did you know?**

“Whether or not one has an internship impacts short-term and longer-term career success. Survey takers who completed at least one internship received a job offer more quickly and had a higher first position salary than those who did not.”

- NACE
Where are ANTH Majors Interning?

Internships are a great way to try out an interest, regardless if they are directly related to your major. Employers tend to favor job seekers who have had an internship in the field they are hiring for.

Sample internship titles/sites

- AFS International, *Market Research Intern*
- Amnesty International USA, *Organizing Intern*
- Animal Biosciences & Biotech Lab, US Department of Agriculture, *Research Aide/Student Intern*
- Archaeology in Annapolis, *Student Volunteer*
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Summer Intern*
- Creative License, *Marketing Intern*
- DBI Architects, Inc., *Intern*
- DC HIV/AIDS Administration, Behavioral Research Section, *Research Associate*
- Department of Homeland Security, *Policy Intern*
- Department of the Interior, *Intern-Interior Museum*
- Earthwatch Member: Dolphins of Greece Expedition, *Volunteer Researcher*
- Girls Inc., *Youth Program Intern*
- Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, *Marketing and Communications Intern*
- MaryPIRG, *Intern and Coalition Coordinator*
- Mona Shah & Silvers, *Paralegal Intern*
- National Aquarium in Baltimore, *Intern*
- National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), *Intern*
- Organizational Behavior Project, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, *Intern*
- Public Citizen, *Democracy is for People Intern*
- Senator Tim Johnson, *Press Intern*
- Smithsonian Institution, *Intern*
- The David C. Driskell Center, *Art Registrar Intern*
- The Fouta Coordination of Tostan International, *Regional Volunteer*
- Tony Whitehead and the Cultural Systems, *Intern*
- UMD Anthropology Teaching Laboratory, *Intern*

Skills Developed

*Skills lead to jobs. Which skills do you possess?*

- *Assess your* skills, abilities, interests, and values and explore how they relate to career options.
- *Complete this skills inventory* to get started.

*Anthropology majors have...*

- Accurate interpretation of behavior
- Insight interpretation of information
- Observation
- Persuasive writing
- Planning
- Problem solving
- Qualitative research
- Simplification of information
- Social agility and sensitivity

Add to your skill set with these learning videos/courses.
Graduate School Programs ANTH Majors are Pursuing

Start researching your career path of interest to identify the educational requirements. The list below offers a brief overview of some of the more popular graduate degree programs and institutions our ANTH undergraduates have attended.

**Graduate programs listed by topic:**
- Business and Management, MBA | Saint Mary's University
- English Language & Literature, M.A. | University of Vermont
- English Language and Literature, Ph.D. | University of Miami
- Global Affairs, M.S. | New York University
- History, M.A. | University of Maryland, Baltimore
- Intelligence Management, M.S. | University of Maryland University College
- International Relations, M.A. | George Washington University
- Law, JD | George Washington University
- Library Science, Masters | University of Maryland, College Park
- Public Policy, M.P.P. | University of Maryland, College Park

**Medical**
- Biological Sciences, Ph.D. | University of California, Santa Cruz
- Doctor of Medicine, M.D. | George Washington University
- Doctor of Medicine, M.D. | University of Maryland, Baltimore
- Nursing, BS | Towson University
- Osteopathic Medicine, D.O. | Rowan University
- Pharmacy, Pharm.D. | University of Texas at Austin

**Graduate programs listed by area, degree, & institution:**
- Anthropology, Ph.D. | University of Washington
- Anthropology, Ph.D. | University of Pennsylvania
- Anthropology, Ph.D. | University of Oregon
- Anthropology, M.S. | University of Sheffield
- Anthropology, M.A. | University of Maryland, College Park
- Anthropology, M.A. | Texas State University
- Social & Environment Science, Ph.D. | University of Arizona
- Social Anthropology of Development, MA | School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

*Reported by University of Maryland undergraduate Anthropology graduates. Sample list only.*

Need help starting your career exploration or job search? Schedule a career consultation appointment with the University Career Center. Get started mapping your career action plan today!

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