

# ANTHROPOLOGY, B.A.

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## WHY APPLY TO ANTHROPOLOGY, B.A.?

UC Merced offers an undergraduate major leading to a B.A. degree in Anthropology. The Anthropology program encompasses three of the subfields of anthropology (sociocultural, biological, and archaeological anthropology) that entail humanistic, social scientific, and natural scientific approaches to the knowledge of humankind's past and present. The curriculum is designed to provide courses that demonstrate fundamental anthropological knowledge, recognizing and appreciating what it means to be human, understanding both qualitative and quantitative research methods as they apply to anthropological inquiry, and much more.

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The Anthropology program at UC Merced distinguishes itself by focusing research and teaching on a select group of common research themes relevant to our local, state, and global communities. The undergraduate program emphasizes methodological skill and intellectual rigor in addressing specific issues within these themes and promotes undergraduate research opportunities — including working on faculty research, service-learning, and individual research — that deepen learning experiences and attract students to our program.

## Internship Opportunities

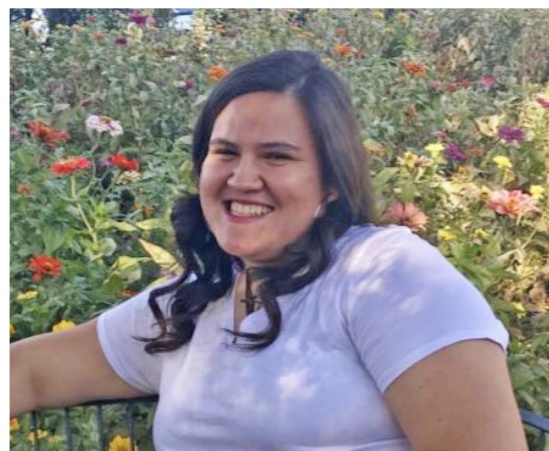
- ▶ American Anthropological Association Internships
  - AAA and other internships in the public, private, and non-profit sectors
- ▶ Crow Canyon Archaeological Center
  - paid summer field and laboratory internships in archaeology
- ▶ National Association for the Practice of Anthropology (NAPA)
  - from entry-level to advanced full-time positions in areas ranging from education to museums to social services
- ▶ ArchaeologyFieldwork.com
  - archaeology, anthropology, history, museum, and other internships and jobs with public agencies or private companies
- ▶ PreserveNet internships in a variety of historic preservation contexts, including the National Park Service and Department of the Interior; site sponsored by the National Council for Preservation Education

## Job/Career Prospects

- ▶ Cultural artifact specialist
- ▶ Curator
- ▶ Ethnologist
- ▶ Forensic anthropologist
- ▶ Genealogist
- ▶ Historic Preservation specialist
- ▶ Multicultural education specialist/director
- ▶ Museum educator
- ▶ Paleontologist
- ▶ Peace core staffer
- ▶ Teacher

## Graduate Program Opportunities

- ▶ UC Merced does not currently offer graduate degrees in Anthropology or Heritage Studies. Instead, faculty train graduate students with anthropologic interests in the Interdisciplinary Humanities graduate program.



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### Camila Rodriguez B.A. '21

I am currently working as a Gallery Attendant at MOCA. Bringing the community of L.A. into the museum to explore and discuss works of art while simultaneously assuring the safety and security of contemporary works on display. Moving forward, I intend to apply to a number of forensic anthropology graduate programs within Southern California.

My undergraduate experience in the in Anthropology and Heritage Studies department at UC Merced gave me a solid basis in understanding and respecting cultural diversity, as well as recognizing the complexities and intricacies of the human experience.

In particular, during my internship with the Bioarchaeological Archive of the Lisht Excavation, I assisted graduate student Alyson Caine in reconstructing the Middle Kingdom cemetery of Lisht from archaeological and archival records. This gave me firsthand experience in analytical, interpersonal, and project development skills that I will use in my graduate work.

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