

**Achieving an excellent education is about many things:** becoming a well-educated citizen, gaining knowledge for thoughtful and well-considered decisions, engaging your curiosity, and developing skills that will contribute to the greater good, to name a few. In addition, your education also prepares you to pursue a **wide variety of career paths.**

**Depth of knowledge** generally refers to the information and ways of thinking that are directly related to your academic major. In addition, you have developed an **incredibly versatile set of more general skills:** to think analytically and critically; to view issues in context and from multiple perspectives; to ask and address questions about ethical and societal implications; to pursue research; to engage your creativity; and to communicate complex issues clearly. Thus, **Anthropology majors** offer an array of skills which are **highly valued by employers** from all sectors.

**Many Possibilities.** Because your major is not narrowly focused on specific career paths, you have a wide array of professional options. While this kind of career flexibility is definitely good news, it requires you to be more *proactive* in identifying and articulating your skills to potential employers.

**Ready for the Work World.** The top five critical skills identified by employers in a recent national survey were:

- Ability to communicate clearly
- Interpersonal / Teamwork skills
- Ability to plan, organize, and prioritize
- Problem-solving / Decision-making abilities
- Ability to find and process information

*You have undoubtedly developed these skills while studying at UW.*

### **JOB SKILLS RELATED TO MAJORING IN ANTHROPOLOGY**

*Here are even more career-related skills and strengths that employers value:*

Read/interpret/synthesize complex material	Comprehend ethical issues and implications
See situations from multiple perspectives	Understand interplay of biology, culture, technology
Produce well-balanced, persuasive writing	Think globally and locally
Design and implement engaging presentations	Understand power dynamics, inequality, agency
Understand nuance and subtlety	Identify issues and target them for improvement
Understand historical influences on present/future	Understand influence of social, natural, and technological environments
Comprehend long-term trajectories	Propose and support recommendations
Conduct thorough quantitative/qualitative research	Simultaneously see big picture and details
Apply mental agility to creative problem-solving	Engage intellectual curiosity
Understand human adaptations and implications	Bring motivation, imagination, enthusiasm, initiative
Adeptly access vast range of informational resources	Work well individually and on teams
Assess the validity of information sources	Understand & appreciate cultural diversity
Gather, analyze, organize, interpret data	Explore social, cultural, scientific implications
Link abstract concepts to practical applications	And many more
Understand human nature & its variations	

### **EXAMPLES OF JOBS FOR ANTHROPOLOGY MAJORS (5 Categories):**

1. Anthropology is required/preferred & job duties are directly related to Anthropology (Entry-level positions)
2. ANTH/SOCIAL SCIENCE is required/preferred but job duties not directly related (Entry-level positions)
3. ANTH isn't required or preferred but your other transferable skills make you highly qualified (Entry-level)
4. Job titles that real UW Anthropology graduates have secured
5. "Career Trajectory" positions (ANTH jobs you might apply for one to several years after you graduate)

*Below are a few examples of actual jobs in each of the five categories. In some cases, specific employers are included to convey the variety of employers.*

**1. Anthropology degree is required or preferred & primary duties directly relate to your major: Entry Level**

Archeologist (Many including Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, Cardno ENTRIX, FEMA, Louisiana Civil Service, Civil & Environmental Consultants, etc.)  
Archeological Technician (Many including HDR, URS, Pape-Dawson Engineers)  
Cultural Resource Advisor (exp)  
Public Health Research Associate (Public Health Foundation Enterprises)  
Museum Educator (National Liberty Museum)  
Research Scientist (CIA)  
Social Science Research Analyst (Gallup)  
Coordinator - Academic Services-Anthropology (Emory University)  
Scientist I, Archaeology (AECOM)  
Research Assistant (Waterford Research Institute)  
Atlas Program Coordinator (Texas Historical Commission)  
Research Analyst (Troika)  
Statistician Agriculture (National Agricultural Statistics Service)  
Research Data Analyst 2 (UC, Berkeley)  
Cultural Resources Field Technician (Atkins)  
Research Coordinator (Summa Health System)

**2. ANTHROPOLOGY / SOCIAL SCIENCE degree is required/preferred but the job's main duties aren't directly related to Anthropology: Entry-Level**

Research Coordinator-Pop Health (NYU School of Medicine)  
Project Assistant, Homelessness and Housing (Center for Social Innovation)  
Health Insurance Specialist (Center for Health Care Rights)  
Program Evaluation/Research Assistants/Field Survey Administrators (Comprehensive Research & Evaluation)  
Data and Evaluation Coordinator (Zone 126)  
Program Assistant - Global Health  
Juvenile Justice Specialist (State of Oklahoma)  
PR and Community Growth Manager (Knozen)  
Editorial Assistant (ABC-CLIO)  
Associate Analyst (Gallup)  
Market Research Analyst (Ipsos)  
Production Assistant (Macmillan Higher Education--Publishing)  
Human Resources Professional (University of Colorado)  
Community Advocate (Southern Poverty Law Center)

**3. Your major isn't required or preferred but your transferable skills make you highly qualified: Entry-Level**

Research Associate (Environmental Law Institute)	Investigative Advocate (Disability Rights Washington)
Asst. Community Outreach Coordinator (Next Step Living)	Service Coordinator (Choice Program)
Knowledge Assistant (Children's Law Center)	Partner Support Coordinator (Kiva Microfunds)
Financial Advisor (ING Financial Partners)	Outreach Coordinator (MedBridge Education)
Marketing Coordinator (Yext)	Account Coordinator, Employee Benefits (MCM)
Assistant Organizing Director (Work for Progress)	Junior Project Manager (HealthPath Education)
Internet Marketing Specialist (Chair 10 Marketing)	Executive Team Leader (Target)
Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator (EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases)	
City Year - Corps Member (City Year Seattle/King County)	
Patient Services Representative (Seattle Reproductive Medicine)	
Recruitment & Admissions Assistant (Fund for American Studies)	

*More:* Project Manager, Social Media Campaign Developer, Policy and Advocacy Specialist, FBI/CIA Agent

**4. Job titles that real UW Anthropology majors have recently secured:**

Qualitative Researcher and Ethnographer  
Technical Recruiter  
Contract Specialist  
Executive Director  
Ethnobotanist  
Project Management Specialist  
Global Health and Development  
Social Media & Marketing Coordinator  
Director of Marketing  
Global Health Program Manager  
Program Coordinator  
Housing Stability Manager

**5. "Career Trajectory" positions (ANTHROPOLOGY/SOCIAL SCIENCE jobs you might apply for one to several years after you graduate and have gained additional experience)**

UX Researcher, Special Projects (Google)  
Qualitative\Ethnography Research Lead (Cigna)  
Investigator (Prince George's County)  
Marketing Strategy Consultant (Lenati)  
Cultural Anthropologist (National Park Service)  
Senior Strategist (MRM Worldwide)  
Museum Collections Technician (University of Alabama)  
Human Geography Analyst 3 (Northrop Grumman)  
Qualitative/Ethnography Research Lead (Cigna)  
Social Impact Assessment Consultant (ERM)  
Senior Environmental Specialist (Pinellas County Government)  
Strategic Information Coordinator (Columbia Medical Center)

***These represent just a few examples. The Career Center can help you find positions that meet your goals!***