



University of California, Santa Barbara  
Program Learning Outcomes

**B.A. in Anthropology**

***Students graduating with a B.A. in Anthropology should be able to:***

- Describe the history of anthropological thought.
- Show familiarity with fieldwork and the application of theory and methodology.
- Demonstrate awareness of the diversity and universals of societies worldwide, including knowledge of the broad range of perspectives, practices, and beliefs within specific cultures and across cultures.
- Complete writing projects that are coherent, cogent, and grammatically correct.
- Make an oral presentation that effectively articulates and communicates ideas and information.

***In addition, students graduating with an emphasis in Biological Anthropology should be able to:***

- Outline contemporary questions, issues and approaches in biological anthropology.
- Appreciate that biological anthropology is a natural science and thus formulates explanations that may be at odds with, or complementary to, those traditionally offered in the social sciences.
- Recognize when explanations are complementary (e.g., different levels of causation) versus truly competing (alternative theories).
- Use contemporary evolutionary theory to explain human anatomy, physiology, ecology, and behavior.
- Perform basic data management and statistical analysis.

***In addition, students graduating with an emphasis in Cultural Anthropology should be able to:***

- Discuss contemporary problems and issues in cultural anthropology.
- Demonstrate familiarity with ethnographic observation, structured and unstructured interviews, and recording of ethnographic data.
- Organize and analyze qualitative and quantitative data.

***In addition, students graduating with an emphasis in Archaeology should be able to:***

- Discuss contemporary problems and issues in archaeology.
- Demonstrate familiarity with the excavation and analysis of archaeological materials.
- Organize and analyze archaeological datasets.