

# ANTHROPOLOGY

*Note: "Sociology and Anthropology" is a single academic department at Fordham, but the academic information for each subject is listed on a separate web page. Information about sociology programs is listed under sociology.*

The aim of anthropology is the comprehensive study of the human condition, the origins of our species in evolutionary biology, and the development of culture and society in its many variations among ancient and contemporary peoples. Its subject matter encompasses an immense time depth and a vast spatial range, including the simplest human societies and the most complex civilizations, including modern industrial nations. Anthropology brings together many areas of scientific and humanistic inquiry, unifying and integrating knowledge about people and their perceptions of the world, and it offers a balanced perspective on the momentous cultural changes wrought by globalization that are ongoing today.

A major in anthropology is important for those who seek to understand our multiethnic society and the varieties of culture on our planet. It is a valuable asset for any work entailing contact with the public and especially for careers involving international affairs or travel. The experience with cultural diversity that anthropology provides is excellent preparation for law, business, and other graduate studies, and its biological component makes it attractive to admissions officers of medical schools. The synthesizing nature of anthropology also makes it suitable for students pursuing a double major in which anthropology is combined with other areas of the humanities and the natural and social sciences.

## Program Activities

### Honors and Awards

The department offers the opportunity for students to become members of Alpha Kappa Delta, the international honor society for sociology students. Each spring, students are inducted into Fordham's Chapter Iota. At Rose Hill, the department honors its seniors at the end of year awards ceremony, *Encaenia*, by bestowing the Rev. Joseph P. Fitzpatrick, S.J. Memorial Award and the Rev. J. Franklin Ewing, S.J. Memorial Award for the best submitted essay by a graduating sociology and anthropology major, respectively. At Lincoln Center, the department also recognizes excellence in its graduating seniors with departmental honors in sociology and anthropology at its own diploma ceremony. The department also sponsors a Sociology Club, a Criminology Club, and an Anthropology Club at Rose Hill, and a Society for Sociology and Anthropology at Lincoln Center, all organized and governed by students.

### Internships

Both sociology and anthropology majors and nonmajors are encouraged to take advantage of the Internship Seminar offered by the department. This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to develop skills in social analysis, policy development, program evaluation, and interpersonal relations while being of service to others in a real-life setting outside the classroom. Employment opportunities include agencies and corporations in the New York metropolitan area, ranging from organizations in the public sector, including the New York State Department of Corrections, the Legal Aid Society, and the Puerto Rican Family Institute—to organizations in the private sector—including CBS, Merrill Lynch, and IBM. Each student is required to spend a minimum of eight to ten hours per week in an agency (public or private) or

organization chosen to fit the individual student's interests and expertise. All students who enroll in the program are required to do both the internship placement and to take SOCI 4900 Internship Seminar). Field placements must be obtained through the internship program coordinator located in the Office of Career Planning and Placement.

## Anthropology Resources

Departmental resources include Stone Age implements; ethnographic art and artifacts from Southeast Asia, the South Pacific, and Africa; a teaching collection of human skeletal material, an archive and database of colonial and early American bricks from New York City and a large collection of colonial and early American artifacts. In cooperation with the history department, the anthropology program at Rose Hill conducted the longest running archaeological excavation in New York City at the Rose Hill manor from 1985 to 2002, located on the Rose Hill campus. Artifacts from this campaign are undergoing laboratory analysis, for which students may volunteer to help.

## For more information

Visit the Sociology and Anthropology department web page

## Contribution to the Core

Sociology and anthropology offer the following which fulfill the first social science core requirement:

| Course    | Title                                 | Credits |
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| ANTH 1100 | Introduction to Cultural Anthropology | 3       |
| ANTH 1300 | Introduction to Archaeology           | 3       |
| SOCI 1100 | Introduction to Sociology             | 3       |

The advanced social science core requirement may be satisfied by an advanced-level course in sociology or anthropology. The course in Physical Anthropology, ANTH 1200 Introduction to Biological Anthropology, and ANTH 1600 Introduction to Human Variation), each fulfill the life science core requirement for nonmajors. In addition, the department regularly offers courses that fulfill the American Pluralism, Global Studies, Interdisciplinary Capstone, and *Eloquentia Perfecta* 1 and 3, and Values Seminar/EP4 core requirements.

## Programs

- Anthropology Major
- Anthropology Minor