Three Big Things:

- **Field Opportunities**
- **Community Projects**
- **Forensic Anthropology**

Anthropology is the study of human cultures in all their diversity both past and present. It also examines human biological evolution and genetic diversity. Approaches to these studies are comprehensive and holistic and emphasize critical comparative analyses of global cultures. Anthropology is a broadly focused major organized around the four traditional subdivisions of the discipline:

1. Cultural Anthropology
2. Physical Anthropology
3. Archaeology
4. Linguistic Anthropology

Courses examine a wide range of topics that challenge students to explore the unique qualities of all cultures as well as their commonalities and also to understand humans as a biological species. Through studies of human adaptive strategies students have the opportunity to investigate variability in cultural development and how this diversity shapes the modern world.

**Career Opportunities**

Students majoring in Anthropology are prepared for a variety of career options. Graduating majors often pursue advanced degrees and professional careers in Anthropology but also enter a variety of fields, including various government agencies (such as foreign affairs/service), work with NGOs, teaching English abroad, international business, social work, education, counseling, medicine, law, and cultural resources management. Students often complete double majors or coordinate major-minor/certificate programs to enhance advanced education prospects or create additional areas of expertise to maximize workplace opportunities.

**Curriculum**

All students must fulfill the general education course requirements (GECRs) of the university in addition to major requirements. Majors must complete 70-75 credits in Anthropology divided between core and elective requirements. The core curriculum consists of the following courses (43-45 credits):

- Cultural Anthropology
- Principles of Archaeology
- Physical Anthropology
- Research Methods
- Development of Anthropological Theory
- Anthropological Linguistics
- Senior Capstone

Required courses also include an assessment offering (Portfolio) and one College Foundation course selected from the following list:

- Introductory Statistics
- Documents-Based Research Methods
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for the Social or Natural Sciences.

Students also complete 30 credits of elective courses in Anthropology selected from a list comprised of offerings in the sub-disciplines of:

- Cultural Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Physical Anthropology
- Linguistic Anthropology
- Applied Anthropology
- Forensic Anthropology
- Medical Anthropology
- Ecological/Environmental Anthropology
- Gender Studies, or they may select an approved Certificate of 25 credits or more instead of the electives.

Students are encouraged to work closely with faculty to select a challenging and meaningful curriculum.
Two years of one foreign language in high school or a single year of college-level foreign language is required for Anthropology majors. Study abroad and/or international travel is strongly recommended to supplement classroom experiences. Majors are encouraged to explore independent or directed research opportunities as well as internship opportunities offered through the program. Limited internship, research, volunteer, and employment opportunities for students are available through a research unit of the department, Archaeological and Historical Services (AHS).

Special Features
Anthropology is a dynamic program that offers a variety of extra-curricular and professional advancement opportunities to student majors. Fieldwork, research and publishing opportunities, annual participation in the Northwest Anthropology Conference, and membership in the Student Anthropological Society are all parts of the active learning environment promoted by the program. Students can also become members of the national honorary society Lambda Alpha as the department maintains the second oldest chapter in the western U.S. The department and Student Anthropological Society also maintain a speakers series and remain active in recruiting foreign and minority professionals to campus through grant- and contract-supported research.

The department contains a library, access to a collection of artifacts and archaeological, ethnographic, and historic site records, a large and diverse regional map library, and a GIS lab. Facilities available to students include AHS and departmental libraries, the map library, and GIS lab access, as well as other geographic resources maintained by the Geography Program.

Preparation for University
Completion of a high school (or equivalent) degree is required for admission to EWU. Students considering a major in Anthropology are encouraged to take two-years of one foreign language in high school. Additional training in a foreign language beyond the two-year requirement is recommended as foreign language skills typically provide advanced options for students in the course of and beyond their university careers. Students likewise are strongly advised to obtain competency in computer use.

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The University
Eastern Washington University is a student-centered, regionally based, comprehensive university. Its campus is located in Cheney, within the Spokane metropolitan area, with additional learning centers in the region and elsewhere in Washington State. With more than 100 fields of study, nine master's degrees, four graduate certificates, 76 graduate programs and a physical therapy doctoral program, its mission is to prepare broadly educated, technologically proficient, and highly productive citizens to attain meaningful careers, to enjoy enriched lives, and to make contributions to a culturally diverse society.

Our mission to be a student-centered, regionally engaged university will be fulfilled best through a distinguished EWU academic experience that is integrated and interdependent. This vision informs and inspires our future.

Note:
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