The departmental major in anthropology emphasizes a holistic approach to the study of humans, located in all parts of the world, through all periods of time. Anthropology consists of four separate but interrelated subdisciplines:

- cultural anthropology
- physical anthropology
- archaeology
- anthropological linguistics

This program focuses primarily on the subdisciplines of archaeology and cultural anthropology. The department encourages its majors to undertake field study in one or more of the subdisciplines of anthropology. A major in anthropology provides the student with a holistic and comparative perspective on problems and situations, which employers find very valuable. An undergraduate degree prepares the student for employment in the area of human services, entry-level work with local or federal government agencies, and employment in the business community. Our program also prepares students for more advanced study leading to careers in teaching and research at colleges, universities or museums, or research/consultative careers with local, national or international organizations.