

# ***Competencies an Anthropology Major may equip you with...***

*(courtesy of Miami University of Ohio)*

## **Human Relations**

Cross-cultural understanding  
Leading and participating with groups  
Perception of different ways of life  
Understanding of individuals' reactions within a society over time  
Assessing people's needs  
Interviewing and uncovering important data  
Surveying and sampling  
Knowledge of ethnic origins and history

## **Cultural**

Gathering information  
Conducting field studies  
Analyzing and comparing cultures  
Examining archaeological remains, settlements, tools, etc.  
Data collection and comparison

## **Investigative**

Observing people, data, environments  
Organizing ideas, materials, objects, people  
Analyzing relationships between ideas, materials, objects, people

## **Project Development**

Planning and designing projects  
Maintaining detailed records and tabulating data  
Summarizing and presenting results, both in writing and orally  
Developing and generating research ideas

## **Scientific**

Laboratory skills  
Dating artifacts and fossils  
Researching origins and uses of artifacts  
Examining development over time  
Providing information about the chain of development  
Investigating and revealing the nature of the past  
Assessing present genetic diversity through evolutionary history

## *Career Opportunities for Anthropology Majors*

### **Historical/Intercultural**

Museum Curator/Researcher  
Genealogist U.N. Research Worker  
International Relief Representative  
Salvage Archaeologist/Collections Assistant  
Heritage Conservationist  
Natural Landmarks Officer  
Historic Preservationist

### **Communications**

Linguist  
Technical Writer  
Newspaper Columnist/Reporter  
Educational Television Researcher  
Biographical Writer  
Magazine Publisher/Editorial Assistant  
International Affairs Correspondent  
Ethnographic Photographer

### **Government**

Urban Planner  
Foreign Services Officer  
Cultural Affairs Officer  
Consumer Researcher  
Diplomatic Service Representative  
Immigration Official/Advisor

### **Business/Industry**

Public Relations Representative  
Sales/Marketing Representative  
Travel Agent or Tour Guide  
Bank Manager  
Human Resources  
International Hotel Manager

### **Research**

Researcher – Environmental, Population Planning, Occupational Safety, Foreign Market  
Ethnologist  
Geneticist  
Zoologist  
Paleontologist

### **Human Services**

Urban Social Planner Rural Development Worker  
Ethnic Groups Special Concerns Advocate  
Intercultural Educator – Peace Corps, VISTA, UNESCO  
Academic Advisor  
Fundraiser/Grant Writer

# **Anthropology**

## ***Getting Into Graduate School***

### **Selecting a Graduate Program** - How do you find one that is right for you?

1. Monographs, Text Books, etc.
  - a. Peterson's Guide
  - b. ETS Guide
  - c. Princeton Review
  - d. Kaplan
2. Discipline Guides: Several professional associations produce specialized guides to graduate studies in various fields.
3. People: Professors, Alumni, employers, current students in the program
4. Web Resources and Printed Guides
  - a. Peterson's Graduate Planner
  - b. Peterson's Graduate School and Program Search
  - c. Jobweb
  - d. AllOnlineSchools
  - e. Kaplan University site
  - f. GraduateSchools.com
  - g. Student Prospector
  - h. Index of Majors and Graduate Degrees
  - i. BusinessSchools.com
  - j. About.com
  - k. How to Get into The Top MBA Programs
  - l. Guide to Distance Learning Programs

5. Graduate and Professional School Fair – Oct. 22, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm, Gray Cage

-For more information visit the *Bates OCS webpage on Identifying Programs and Schools*:

<http://www.bates.edu/x163511.xml>.

-For Graduate School Resource links visit <http://www.bates.edu/x173326.xml>

-Also check out *The How to Choose and Evaluate Programs page*:

<http://www.bates.edu/x163507.xml>

### **Key Application Criteria**

1. Undergraduate GPA
2. Standardized Test Scores (GRE, subject GRE if required, MAT, LSAT, MCAT, GMAT, etc.) *Visit the OCS Entrance Tests and Test Prep webpage for more information:*  
<http://www.bates.edu/x163510.xml>
3. Work Experience/Research: Thesis, internships, faculty assistant
4. Letters of Recommendation
5. Personal Statement

**Typical Application Timeline** – See *General Application Timeline* in this handout or visit the *Senior Planning Calendar page* on the OCS website for a detailed monthly schedule:

<http://www.bates.edu/x151443.xml>

## **Financial Aid Options**

1. Assistantships – Teaching and Research
2. Fellowships, Scholarships and Grants. Visit <http://www.bates.edu/Fellowships.xml> for more information.
3. Loans

## **Final Points-Q&A**

### ***MBA, Graduate and Professional School Guide***

OCS website: <http://www.bates.edu/x163503.xml>

***Professor Elizabeth Eames***, Anthropology Department

Faculty point person for Fellowships and Scholarships

### ***Interfolio Reference Service***

Online credential management system. Visit <http://www.bates.edu/Interfolio.xml> for more information on interfolio and how to sign up.

### ***Graduate and Professional School Fair***

Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00 am -1:30 pm in the Gray Cage

Registration is now open. To register, visit <http://www.bowdoin.edu/cpc/gradfair2008/>

## ***Graduate School – General Application Timeline***

### **Summer**

1. Register for the GRE through the Educational Testing Service.
2. Begin preparing for the GRE (Practice Tests, Courses, Prep Book).
3. Think about who might write your letters of reference.
4. Begin identifying competitive, safety and reach schools to which you'll apply
5. Draft a personal statement emphasizing intellectual interest and academic intent.

### **September – December**

1. Secure application materials.
2. Talk to potential reference writers about your interests and choices.
3. Consult Bates faculty members in your field.
4. Request letters of recommendation from your targeted writers.
5. Take (or retake if necessary) the GRE General Test.
6. Take the GRE Subject Test, if required – offered in November and December.
7. Visit the Office of Career Services to:
  - a. Explore materials in the library on graduate programs and degrees.
  - b. Consider potential career options in your field.
  - c. Get feedback on your personal statement.
  - d. Consider how you will manage your reference letters (personally, Interfolio)

### **December 1 – March 1** – APPLICATION PERIOD!

1. Complete and submit applications according to school deadlines.
2. Confirm with the OCS that your letters of recommendation are in your file.
3. If possible, visit the schools you are interested in.

### **January 1 – April 30**

1. Wait. Patiently.
2. If possible, visit the schools to which you have been accepted.
3. Choose your program!

*For a detailed, suggested monthly schedule, visit the Senior Planning Calendar page on the OCS website: <http://www.bates.edu/x151443.xml>*

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