



Anthropology

Why Study Anthropology at TCNJ?

Anthropology students at TCNJ's School of Humanities and Social Sciences develop a holistic understanding of the human past and the human condition, gaining deep empathy, cross-cultural competence, and insights into the interplay between biology and culture in human societies. TCNJ's Anthropology program offers a rigorous curriculum and hands-on opportunities to build integrated skills in all four fields of anthropology: cultural anthropology, linguistic anthropology, biological anthropology, and archaeology. Courses emphasize human evolution, biological variation, material culture in pre-history and the more recent past, cross-cultural worldviews, the relationship between language and culture, and multiple research methods — ranging from excavation, to forensic and osteological analysis, to ethnographic and linguistic analysis. Our graduates are well-equipped to pursue further studies in top institutions or careers in diverse fields, including education, government, nonprofit, public health, community-based organizations, museums, and environmental work.

Programs of Study

TCNJ offers a Self-Designed Anthropology major, a Sociology major with an Anthropology concentration, and an Anthropology minor. A new Anthropology major program will be added soon. Our Anthropology students learn by doing (research), global experience (study abroad), and public engagement (internships for the public good).

Students benefit from:

- **Extensive research opportunities** — in course work, as well as in faculty-led projects
- **A flexible curriculum that easily accommodates double majors** — in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and beyond
- **Hand-on experience through internships and study abroad** — offering opportunities for public contribution and broadened perspective
- **Small classes and seminars** — to drive deep engagement and collaboration
- **Close mentorship and expert instruction from dedicated faculty** — helping to guide academic and career paths

Several study abroad sites offer anthropology-focused programs. TCNJ's Italy Study Center offers invaluable opportunities for research and internships for those students interested in migration, racism, and social justice.



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Study Abroad Opportunities

Anthropology majors are required to study abroad for a minimum of one summer term and are encouraged to study abroad for a semester or more. Students can choose from a wide array of study abroad programs offered through TCNJ's Center for Global Engagement, including sites specifically focusing on anthropology. Anthropology students are also encouraged to carry out independent research or internships during their study abroad programs that will serve as the basis for Senior Theses.

Mentored Student Research

Students in the Anthropology program are encouraged to carry out research with faculty mentors. Each year, the department's faculty offer research courses to give students the opportunity to work closely with them on their cutting-edge research projects. Students may also choose to carry out independent research on a topic of their choosing with faculty advising or carry out a two-semester research-based Senior Thesis as their Capstone culminating courses for the major.

Internships

Most anthropology students complete at least one internship — and internship organizations frequently hire their TCNJ interns after they graduate. Our students can receive academic credit for internships at almost any type of organization. These include A Better Way, Inc., Arch Street Project, El Centro - Catholic Charities, the Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, and the Trenton Violence Reduction Strategy.

An Anthropology Degree from TCNJ Opens Doors

TCNJ Anthropology students become deeply aware of cultural complexity, historical context, and global connections, making them uniquely suited for a range of academic and career pursuits. Our Anthropology alumni have been accepted to prestigious graduate programs and go on to pursue a range of career fields. They also frequently often earn merit-based scholarships in recognition of their rigorous undergraduate training.

Recent graduates have attended: Bryn Mawr College-Master in Social Work, Northwestern University-Master in Public Health, Rutgers University-MD/PhD, University of Pennsylvania-Master in Public Health, and Vanderbilt University Law School-Master in Public Health.



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