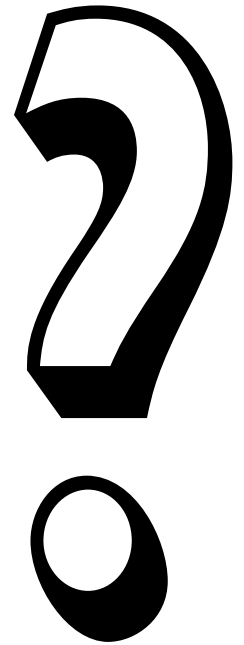


# What could I do with a degree in anthropology



The good news is half of all vacancies for recent graduates are open to those with a degree in any discipline including yours! The remaining careers require specific training or education — some of which you are already qualified for. Be prepared; you will soon find that no degree on its own is enough to get you a job.

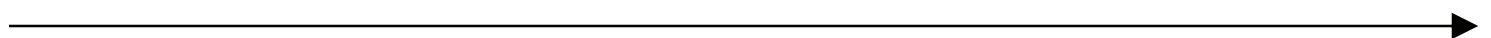
Each employer will be seeking different sets of skills and some of them will come from your degree. You will need to actively develop any missing required skills through work, volunteer, and extra-curricular experiences to gain a competitive advantage. Start by using this guide to help you brainstorm potential careers of interest, and continue by researching specific occupations in the Career Resource Library. Career profiles with a check mark (✓) can be viewed using Career Cruising and Career Descriptions binders, both available at the Career Centre.

## What are my direct career options?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Archivist</li> <li>✓ Anthropologist</li> <li>✓ Conservator</li> <li>• Cultural artifact specialist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Cultural event planner</li> <li>✓ Curator</li> <li>✓ Exhibit assistant</li> <li>• Ethnographer assistant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Foreign service officer</li> <li>• Museum technician</li> <li>• Research assistant</li> <li>✓ Special librarian</li> </ul>
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## What are my alternative career options?

<b>Social sciences, education, and religion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Correctional officer</li> <li>✓ Field archaeologist</li> <li>• Forensic anthropologist</li> <li>✓ Lobbyist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Police officer</li> <li>✓ Politician</li> <li>✓ Social worker</li> <li>✓ Teacher</li> </ul>
<b>Natural and applied sciences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Actuary</li> <li>✓ Biological anthropologist</li> <li>✓ Environmentalist</li> <li>✓ Epidemiologist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Paleontologist</li> <li>• Primatologist</li> <li>✓ Surveyor</li> <li>✓ Urban planner</li> </ul>
<b>Business, finance, and administration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Advertising account planner</li> <li>✓ Immigration officer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Mediator</li> <li>✓ Marketing assistant</li> </ul>
<b>Art, culture, recreation, and sports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical interpretor</li> <li>✓ Interior designer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Journalism</li> <li>✓ Publisher</li> </ul>
<b>Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Genetic counsellor</li> <li>✓ Nurse</li> </ul>	
<b>Trades, apprenticeships, and primary industry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Fashion designer</li> <li>✓ Tour guide</li> </ul>	
<b>Sales and services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Hotel manager</li> <li>✓ Insurance sales representative</li> </ul>	



## What skills will I develop studying anthropology?

### Interpersonal relations

- Work with culturally diverse individuals and communities
- Adapt to varied cultural conditions
- Ability to influence and persuade

### Research

- Attention to detail
- Critical analytical skills
- Collect data and evaluate results

### Writing and speaking

- Convey complex information
- Present theories and ideas in a comprehensive manner
- Draft documents

### Organizational skills

- Ability to meet deadlines
- Organize information and materials
- Plan long-term projects

## Where have previous graduates worked?

### Arts, culture, and entertainment

- Canadian National Exhibition
- Royal Ontario Museum
- Art Gallery of Ontario
- *Seven Magazine*
- Ontario Place

### Education

- University of Toronto
- Toronto District School Board

### Government

- Immigration Canada
- Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade

### Financial, insurance, and real estate

- Royal LePage Canada
- Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada

### Travel, tourism, and accommodation

- Air Canada
- Flight Centre Canada
- Hummingbird Centre for the Performing Arts
- Toronto Pearson Airport

### Non-profit

- West Scarborough Community Centre
- Harbourfront Centre

## Did you know... they were anthropology majors?

- Michael Crichton (author of *Jurassic Park*)
- Kurt Vonnegut Jr. (American novelist)
- John Collier (social reformer)
- Tracy Chapman (singer)
- Mick Jagger (singer)
- Prince Charles of England
- Giada De Laurentiis (chef)

## Where can I find more information?

### Books

- *Careers for Foreign Language Aficionados and Other Multilingual Types* — H. Ned Seelye and J. Laurence Day
- *Great Jobs for Anthropology Majors* — Blythe Camenson
- *Careers for Bookworms and Other Literary Types* — Marjorie Eberts and Margaret Gisler

### Web links

- University of Toronto Anthropology Program — [www.chass.utoronto.ca/anthropology](http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/anthropology)
- Canadian Anthropology Society — [www.casca.anthropologica.ca](http://www.casca.anthropologica.ca)
- Cultural Careers Council Ontario — [www.workinculture.on.ca](http://www.workinculture.on.ca)

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