

# ANTHROPOLOGY

This major encourages students to become involved in ethnographic research and fieldwork while gaining a firm theoretical foundation in anthropology. Undergraduates are able to take a number of courses that may focus on aspects of visual anthropology and are encouraged to include visual media in their senior field methods practicum.

## BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) GENERAL OVERVIEW

Five core courses:

- **Introduction to SocioCultural Anthropology**  
*or Exploring Culture Through Film*
- **The Human Animal**
- **Ethnographic Research Methods and Thesis Seminar in Ethnographic Analysis (Biological track does not require this course)**
- **History of Anthropological Theory**

Track I: Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology

- **Archaeology: Our Human Past**
- **Five upper division elective courses**
- **Example courses include: Cross Cultural Research on Urban Gangs; Global Media; Sex, Love, & Marriage: An Introduction to Kinship; Native Americans in American Public Life; Forms of Folklore**

Track II: Medical Anthropology

- **Five upper-division elective courses**
- **Example courses include: Evolutionary Medicine; Culture, Medicine, and Politics; Food in Culture and Society; Magic, Witchcraft, and Healing**

Track III: Biological Anthropology

- **Theory and Method in Human Evolutionary Biology**
- **Directed Research**
- **Five upper-division elective courses**
- **Example courses include: Biology of the Non-Human Primates; Childhood, Birth and Reproduction; Origins and Evolution of Human Behavior**

## ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

**Ethnographics Lab:** The Ethnographics Laboratory is a part of the Center for Visual Anthropology which provides archival and computer facilities for students and faculty who work with nonlinear editing systems and interactive media in anthropology.

**Study Abroad:** Spend part of your summer in Guatemala studying the past and present cultural identity of Mayan people of Central America through USC Dornsife's Problems Without Passports program, or travel to Ireland and Northern Ireland to examine the politics of language revitalization through the Anthropology Department's Maymester program. Students may also choose to spend a semester abroad in a program that correlates with research plans and the overseas Anthropology classroom experience.

**Supplemental Instruction:** This academic support program provides regularly scheduled, peer-led study sessions for common Biology, Chemistry, Math, and Physics courses.