

Liberal Arts with a concentration in Anthropology* (AA Transfer Degree)

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics Career Cluster

SAN JUAN COLLEGE

NATURE OF WORK

Anthropologists study humans across time and space. For this study they look at the humans' way of life, archaeological remains, language, and/or physical characteristics of people in various parts of the world. They also study human ancestors and even primates. They compare the customs, values, and social patterns of different cultures. Sociocultural anthropologists study the social lives of groups in settings that vary from unindustrialized societies to modern urban areas.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Anthropologists usually have regular office hours. They read and write research articles, papers or reports and generally work behind a desk but, are often in the field as well. They may work alone or in collaboration with other social scientists. Many experience the pressures of writing and publishing as well as deadlines and tight schedules. Anthropologists often work as a research team member and thus, good communication skills are necessary. When traveling in a foreign country anthropologists must have the ability to adjust to unfamiliar cultures, climates, and languages.

TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS

The educational attainment of an anthropologist is among the highest of all occupations. To work in a college or university the educational requirement might be a Ph.D. Top-level nonacademic research and administrative posts also may require a Ph.D. An anthropologist with a master's degree in applied specialties usually has better opportunities outside of the educational arena of colleges and universities. A bachelor's degree in anthropology does provide a suitable background for many different kinds of jobs, such as; research assistant, school teacher, social services, interpreter, politics, animal management, forensics, law enforcement, administrative aide, or management.

JOB OUTLOOK

Growth rates will vary by specialties, but overall employment of social scientists is expected to grow about as fast as the average for all occupations through 2016. Anthropologists will find opportunities performing policy research for consulting firms, nonprofit organizations, and social service agencies.

CAREER OPTIONS

Anthropologists

ESTIMATED SALARY RANGE

New Mexico— \$29,200—62,900

Nationally — \$29,200– 69,300

(depending on skill, experience and responsibility)

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

Archaeologists, Geographers, Historians, Political Scientists, Sociologists

SJC Basic Program Information

The Associate of Arts in Anthropology degree is intended for transfer to a four-year institution.. Those wishing to transfer to a baccalaureate granting institution and pursue a degree in Anthropology are strongly encouraged to check with their advisors both at SJC and the transferring institution.

Students must receive a "C" or better in all courses to count toward a degree.

For further information go to:

www.sanjuancollege.edu/pages/158.asp

Click on AAS link under Transfer Programs

www.bls.gov/oco/ocos054.htm

www.careers.nm.org



*Most of this information is from the Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-2009

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