WHAT WILL YOU LEARN IN THIS MAJOR?

Anthropology is the study of cultural difference. For undergraduates it provides unique and important knowledge and skills for professional success in culturally diverse work environments. Students learn about life, love, food, family, religion, work, sexuality, communication, and the law among vastly different peoples and cultures across the globe. Anthropology students gain an understanding of the ways that political economy and culture influence ideas about inequality and social justice.

Students in the major have a chance to get first-hand experience in urban ethnography, a way to study people by participating in and observing their lives. Anthropology majors develop their own research or collaborate with professors who have made amazing cultural explorations: accompanying police raids in Brazilian favelas; developing global hospitality protocols for AirBnB; following Palestinians from the West Bank to Israeli prisons; preventing opioid overdoses in the Bronx; learning from war widows in Colombia.

IN THIS MAJOR YOU WILL

Explore cultural values, beliefs and practices, differences and similarities in human behavior, the organization of social life, and the making of cultural identity.

Understand global processes and local politics affecting modern cities, migration, ethnic conflict, religious diversity, activism, and lifestyle differences

Conduct urban ethnographic research in actual community settings.

Learn to write for particular audiences.

Gain real experience and the skills needed for today’s “information society” job market.

FIRST COURSES IN THE MAJOR

ANT 101: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
ANT 208: Urban Anthropology
ANT 220: Language and Culture
ANT 210: Sex and Culture
WHAT CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS WILL YOU DEVELOP IN THIS MAJOR?
- Ability to see and reflect on given assumptions (defamiliarize the familiar)
- Design and conduct original urban ethnographic research
- Analyze social problems and issues informed by cross-cultural and historical perspectives
- Integrate and synthesize anthropological knowledge, understanding and research techniques

WHAT MINOR MIGHT BE A GOOD COMPLEMENT TO THIS MAJOR?
- Gender Studies
- Human Rights
- Humanities and Justice
- Economics
- English
- Latin American and Latina/o Studies

For more information about minors, go to: www.jjay.cuny.edu/minors

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WILL THIS MAJOR OFFER YOU?
- Ongoing research opportunities with faculty, including conducting ethnographic fieldwork
- Internships
- Present original research at academic conferences
- Solid foundation for employment in the public or private sector or for acquiring advanced degrees (social sciences, policy, law, public health, social work, and education)

THIS MAJOR CAN BE A GREAT FOUNDATION FOR A WIDE RANGE OF JOBS, BUT SOME POSSIBILITIES TO CONSIDER ARE:
- Behavioral Health Programs
- Consumer Research
- Cultural Resource Management
- Disaster Relief
- Community-based Human Service
- Diversity Training
- Government Service
- Immigrant Social Services
- International Development
- Multicultural Marketing
- Policy Analysis
- Program Evaluation
- Public Interest Law
- Social Work
- Teaching

For more information on anthropology-related careers, see the Anthropology Department’s “Careers” website at: www.jjay.cuny.edu/careers-anthropology and make an appointment with the Anthropology major advisor, Professor Shonna Trinch, strinch@jjay.cuny.edu

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