



College of Arts, Celtic Studies
and Social Sciences

BA (Hons) ANTHROPOLOGY



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What is Anthropology?

Anthropology is the comparative study of humankind in the cultures of the world, both past and present. This exciting field brings together many related disciplines to examine what defines us as humans and how we came to be the way we are. It is a unique way of looking at the world, offering a greater understanding of the human experience and a strong sense of global citizenship to meet the challenges of the future.

Why is it important?

Anthropology takes part in the long conversation about what it is to be human, and gives flesh and blood to these fundamental questions. It is a genuinely cosmopolitan discipline in that it does not privilege certain ways of life above others, but charts and compares the full range of solutions to the perennial human challenges. In this respect, anthropology is uniquely a knowledge for the 21st century, crucial in our attempts to come to terms with a globalised world, essential for building understanding and respect across real or imagined cultural divides. It is the most scientific of the humanities and the most humanistic of the sciences... (*European Association of Social Anthropologists*).

Why study Anthropology in UCC?

The BA (Hons) Anthropology is an interdisciplinary programme that provides a strong foundation in the fields of Archaeology and Sociology, as well as learning in related disciplines such as Celtic Civilization, Béaloideas/Folklore and Ethnology, Music,

History, Philosophy, and Study of Religions. The degree will provide students with the intellectual and practical means to understand cultural diversity around the world, and with an ability to view our own culture in a critical manner. Anthropologists can address urgent issues of our time, such as the impact of globalization, sustainability and the environment, social and ethnic diversity, and the pursuit of social justice.

This is the first full degree in Anthropology in the Irish university system. The three-year programme brings together two different and equally important traditions of anthropological teaching and research. The first is a European tradition of social anthropology, where anthropology is closely aligned with sociology. The second is a North American approach where socio-cultural anthropology is aligned with physical anthropology, linguistics and archaeology. With this interdisciplinary structure, Anthropology is a unique way of looking at human culture in the past and present.





What will I study?

The BA (Hons) Anthropology is a three-year, full-time, honours degree (NFQ Level 8).

First Year provides a strong foundation in important disciplines that span the broader field of Anthropology. An introductory module will provide an overview of the aims, approaches and transdisciplinary nature of Anthropology. Students then take four subjects at introductory level, with no prior knowledge required. Archaeology (to include physical anthropology) and Sociology (to include cultural anthropology) are offered as core disciplines. A third subject, History, is important to the study of Anthropology, because in human affairs the present is always closely linked to the past. The fourth subject in first year is a choice between Religions and Global Diversity or Folklore.

Second Year focuses on the two core disciplines of Archaeology and Sociology, with teaching that provides fundamental knowledge, theoretical perspectives, methods and practices in those areas. Students can select options from other relevant subjects, including Celtic Civilization, Ethnomusicology, Folklore/Ethnology, History, Philosophy, and Study of Religions. This will build a greater breadth of understanding across the field of Anthropology, allowing students to pursue particular interests in those disciplines. There is a research seminar where students engage with theoretical perspectives and contemporary issues in Anthropology, supported by invited speakers from leading universities in Europe and North America.

A residential field school at Easter allows students to participate in archaeological and ethnographic fieldwork in a case-study landscape.

Third Year delivers integrated and disciplinary perspectives on Anthropology to a higher level. There is a continued focus on the core disciplines of Archaeology and Sociology, supported by option modules taken across the disciplines of Celtic Civilization, Ethnomusicology, Folklore/Ethnology, History, Philosophy, and Study of Religions. Students will participate in an Anthropology seminar that will include research training and supervised dissertation work in a chosen specialism of Anthropology.

BA (Hons) Anthropology (International Pathway)

This option will allow students in their third year to study Anthropology for one year abroad, returning to UCC for a fourth and final year of studies. This is an opportunity to study Anthropology in universities in Europe and North America.





Career opportunities

The employability of Anthropologists continues to expand as the world becomes more globalized. Anthropologists are trained to gather and interpret data about human societies, skills that can lead to employment with government and non-government agencies, academia, industry and community bodies. Career options include working as an archaeologist and forensic anthropologist, in arts administration and creative industries, social media organizations, community work, museums and heritage centres, journalism, librarianship, market research, human resources, and the media. Anthropology graduates work in State bodies providing public services, and with international agencies and non-governmental organizations in development, human rights and environmental areas. A degree in Anthropology is also attractive to employers in areas that require an ability to think in a critical manner, as well as good communication, literacy and digital skills.

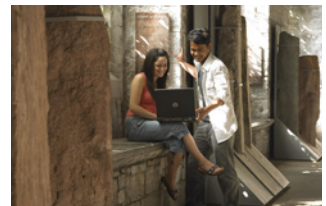
Graduate training: *Three plus One*

Following your three-year BA degree, Anthropology graduates have many career training options in University College Cork. UCC offers a one-year taught masters in Anthropology, as well as more specialized MA courses in areas such as sociology, criminology, ethnomusicology, archaeology, human remains analysis, museum studies, among others. This additional year of study, leading to a second degree in four years, will provide dedicated training for your chosen career path.

Making an Application

Applications are made through the CAO system for Leaving Certificate, FETAC, Mature and other EU applicants. Applications from outside the EU are made directly to the International Education Office in UCC. The CAO code for this degree is CK123.

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