Learning Objectives

In an increasingly interconnected world, understanding the cultures of others is of paramount importance. Anthropology is the core academic discipline to teach students about culture and behavior in a global context. USC Anthropology is fortunate to reside in perhaps the most internationally diverse university in the USA and within one of the most diverse, cosmopolitan cities of the world.

The learning objectives of an Anthropology major at USC include:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the major concepts, questions and theoretical approaches in the traditional four subfields of anthropology: Biosocial, Cultural, Archaeology and Linguistics.
- Apply anthropological concepts to the description and analysis of behaviors, performances, artifacts, images and texts.
- Perform ethnographic research like fieldwork in at least one of the subfields of Anthropology. Our program emphasizes the use of methodologies of visualization in ethnographic, archaeological and biosocial studies of microbehavior.
- Acquire skills in critical thinking and expository writing based on logic, evidence and intercultural understanding.
- Learn abilities necessary to successfully operate and negotiate across cultural differences.