

Anthropology

The university's exchange programs for Iowa students provide opportunities and some scholarships for study abroad.

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Undergraduate majors: anthropology (BA, BS); global health studies (BA, BS)

Undergraduate minors: anthropology; gender, health, and healthcare equity; global health studies

Graduate degrees: MA in anthropology; PhD in anthropology

Graduate certificate: global health studies

Faculty: <https://anthropology.uiowa.edu/people>

Website: <https://anthropology.uiowa.edu/>

Resources and Facilities

The department has well-equipped laboratories for the study of archaeology, biological anthropology, computational genetics, and evolutionary anthropology. Resources include a GIS/quantitative analysis laboratory, ground penetrating radar, x-ray fluorescence equipment, and three-dimensional (3D) scanning equipment.

Under the direction of university archaeologists, students acquire skills in data recovery and interpretive techniques. Opportunities are available for students to participate in archaeological field research in Portugal, Sicily, and various sites in the United States.

Individual faculty members maintain field laboratories and conduct research outside the United States, maintaining ties with research institutions in other countries, including Gemeente Nijmegen, Bureau Archeologie, Nijmegen, the Netherlands; the Deutsches Archäologisches Institut of Madrid, Spain; and the National University of Singapore, Singapore.

The department has access to the Iowa Archaeological Collections through the Office of the State Archaeologist and maintains its own archaeological collections (midwestern prehistoric and historical and comparative faunal material).

The department maintains a documented human osteology teaching collection amassed by the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine and the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology. It also holds a substantial documented human osteology research collection originally from Stanford University's medical school that is maintained jointly with the Office of the State Archaeologist.

The university is a charter member of the Human Relations Area Files (HRAF), an extensively annotated set of source materials on the peoples of the world—their environments, behavioral patterns, social lives, and cultures. Through HRAF and other library resources, anthropology students have access to source materials on more than 400 different cultures.