

CSULA Anthropology Program Learning Outcomes

After completing the MA in Anthropology, students should be able to:

1. Explain the origins of human biological, linguistic, and cultural diversity through time.
2. Describe the history of anthropology (theoretical approaches and major contributors) and issues in the discipline.
3. Apply major theoretical approaches in anthropology to the study of humanity and non-human primates across time and space.
4. Critique anthropological literature and current research trends and distinguish conceptual and theoretical analytical frameworks from empirical evidence in a scholarly argument.
5. Construct a research question in one of the subdisciplines of anthropology and propose research that might provide insight into this area of research.
6. Apply appropriate methodologies to collect and assess anthropological data.
7. Employ technical skills for the analysis and presentation of qualitative and quantitative data.
8. Describe the ethical responsibilities of anthropologists, particularly when engaging with human and non-human primate populations and when working with human and non-human primate skeletal remains and cultural belongings from the past and present and apply ethical research principles in anthropology.
9. Communicate anthropological knowledge through written, oral and data presentation in varying formats for diverse audiences, including professional and community audiences.
10. Apply anthropological knowledge to address a variety of ancient, historical, and contemporary social, political, environmental, legal, linguistic, religious, immigration, and economic problems, and/or applied settings in the field or workplace.