Anthropology is a comparative social science that seeks to uncover principles that govern human behavior.

Anthropology is divided into the subfields of cultural, physical, archaeological, and linguistic anthropology.

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The Department of Anthropology offers a unified four-field MA in which our students receive training in linguistic, cultural, archaeological, biological, and applied anthropology, while retaining the flexibility to pursue their personal and professional goals. Additionally, we offer applied MA concentrations in:

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- Business/Organizational Anthropology
- Museum Studies
- Applied Archaeology

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The department offers a strong program of training in the anthropology of North America, as well as international opportunities in Latin America, sub-Saharan Africa, East Asia, and the Caribbean. We are home to the Gordon Grosscup Museum of Anthropology, which for half a century has served to inspire a broader understanding and appreciation of the ethnic diversity and cultural heritage of our region by placing it within a global context.

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