



## The Wayne D. McMurray School of Humanities and Social Sciences

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY

The anthropology curriculum at Monmouth University is designed to provide a liberal arts education that emphasizes the scientific study of humanity. Two areas of anthropology are emphasized:

- cultural anthropology, the comparative study of human beliefs and behavior with special attention to non-Western societies; and
- archaeology, the study of the human cultural heritage from its prehistoric beginnings to the recent past.

The goal of the anthropology program is to provide students with a broad understanding of humanity that will be relevant to their professions, their daily lives, and their larger roles in the modern world.

Anthropology is the comprehensive scientific study of humanity, past and present. Anthropologists work to document the human experience in all its varieties, from the lives of our earliest ancestors to the urban societies of today. Using scientific techniques, they search for the evolutionary and cultural commonalities that link all people. For anthropologists, the world is a laboratory for study. The study of anthropology is a vibrant, multifaceted approach to life and learning. The skills developed by anthropology students prepare them for a wide variety of careers. While many Monmouth anthropology graduates undertake advanced study in anthropology, some choose to apply their skills to working in historic

preservation, cultural resource management, education, and a variety of non-academic careers.

#### Career Preparation

Anthropology majors are prepared for a broad spectrum of careers spanning the fields of teaching, public service, journalism, museum work, historic preservation, business, and law. Monmouth anthropology graduates have gone on to succeed in prestigious graduate programs at Columbia University, Boston University, and Rutgers University, to name a few.

#### The Monmouth Advantage

The success of Monmouth's anthropology students is directly related to the personal attention they receive from the faculty members. A diverse spectrum of faculty interests and active research projects in archaeology and cultural anthropology allow Monmouth anthropology majors to directly participate in faculty research and gain valuable

skills and professional contacts. Monmouth's anthropology faculty members are actively involved in field research and maintain a high level of scholarship and publication.

All Monmouth students complete an experiential education requirement that allows them to gain practical, real-world experience while applying skills and knowledge obtained in the classroom. Anthropology majors have the opportunity to complete interesting experiential education assignments. For example, students have worked with prehistoric Native American artifact collections at the New Jersey State Museum, and have assisted National Park Service archaeologists in building a computerized inventory and map of cultural resources in the Gateway National Recreation Area.

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