



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Major: Anthropology

Degree: B.A./B.S.

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Student Learning Outcomes and proposed Methods for collecting data (from assessment plan)

Student Learning Outcomes			Methods of Assessment
1	All subfields	Demonstrate a high level of competency in 1A) biological anthropology, 1B) linguistic anthropology, 1C) cultural anthropology and 1D) archaeology to gain entry-level employment related to that area or in settings where that knowledge is a useful ancillary asset.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Assessment (1 A-D, 2, 3) • Course-Embedded Assessments (1 A-D, 2, 3) • Alumni Survey (1 A-D)
1A	Biological Anthropology	Apply knowledge of evolutionary theory and evolutionary history to explain: a) the process of natural selection and the factors shaping the physical body, brains, and behavior of humans and non-human primates b) the ecology of human and non-human primates	
1B	Linguistic Anthropology	Apply knowledge of anthropological and linguistic theory and research to explain: a) how language reflects human relationships, shapes interactions, and relates to cognition b) how linguistic diversity shapes human relationships and interactions	
1C	Cultural Anthropology	Apply knowledge of anthropological theory and research to explain: a) how cultural diversity shapes human relationships and interactions b) the implications of bio-cultural diversity for contemporary society	
1D	Archaeology	Apply knowledge of archaeological theory and research to explain: a) how past cultural, linguistic, and biological diversity has shaped human societies b) the implications of the past and the practice of archaeology for contemporary society	
2	All subfields	Use critical thinking skills to draw conclusions from and make connections across the subfields of anthropology to: a) explain the necessity of the bio-cultural approach for understanding human diversity b) evaluate and synthesize recent general articles in anthropology	
3	All subfields	Demonstrate oral and written communication skills a) via presentations on anthropological concepts, theory, and research b) in written work when discussing anthropological concepts, theory, and research	