



STEM Careers

Anthropologists and Archaeologists

Job Description: Study the origin, development, and behavior of human beings. Engages in the systematic recovery and examination of material evidence, such as tools or pottery remaining from past human cultures, in order to determine the history, customs, and living habits of earlier civilizations.

What does an Anthropologist and/or Archaeologist do?

- Gather and analyze artifacts and skeletal remains to increase knowledge of ancient cultures
- Study objects and structures recovered by excavation to identify, date, and authenticate them to interpret their significance
- Describe artifacts' physical properties and attributes, such as the materials from which artifacts are made and their size, shape, function, and decoration
- Assess archaeological sites for resource management, development, or conservation purposes and recommend methods for site protection
- Participate in forensic activities, such as tooth and bone structure identification, in conjunction with police and pathologists

Your Interests:

- Do you like working outdoors?
- Are you interested in forensic studies?
- Do you like studying ancient cultures?

Outlook: BRIGHT

Average Salary - \$29.76 hourly, \$61,910 annually

Projected Job Openings - 800 in the next 10 years

Education/Program of Study:

- Most positions require a master's degree. Higher-level positions may require a Ph.D.
- Degree paths include anthropology, archaeology, materials science, forensics, geology, and other related fields.

Sources:

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