

# **Department of Sociology and Anthropology**

## **Undergraduate Degree Programs**

- [Anthropology Major, B.A.](#)
- [Sociology Major, B.A.](#)
- [Sociology Major, B.S.](#)
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- [Sociology Minor](#)

## **Graduate Degree Programs**

- [Sociology, M.A. \(Applied Concentration\)](#)
- [Sociology, M.A. \(General Concentration\)](#)

## **Careers in Sociology and Anthropology**

Sociology is the study of people's social relationships and interactions. In our department we emphasize applied sociology, in which our faculty use surveys to learn how people feel about a host of topics ranging from voting trends in Appalachia to student needs to issues surrounding treatment of opioid addiction. Anthropology is the study of humanity, in the broadest possible sense. We study topics ranging from primates, like this lemur, to the emergence of civilization at places like Monte Alban, the Zapotec capital, to contemporary cultures around the world. Our primary strengths are medical anthropology and archaeology. Medical anthropologists study health, illness, and treatment across cultures. As social scientists, we are equipped with the skills to engage people from different cultures and in unfamiliar situations, collecting and analyzing quantitative and qualitative data, thinking analytically at the macro and micro levels, and communicating effectively, both orally and in writing. All these skills are highly relevant to the multicultural and global world we live in today. Sociology and anthropology students in our program are well prepared for further academic study and/or for pursuing careers in health care, cultural resource management archaeology, research, survey and evaluation work in corporate and non-profit settings, community and international development, marketing and business consulting, policy planning, social services, criminal justice, and education. For more career information associated with this program, visit the Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH) at [bls.gov/ooh/](https://bls.gov/ooh/).

## **Program Highlights**

- Our department has an Applied Social Research Lab (ASRL) that conducts research, survey, and evaluation work for faculty research, ETSU, and for private contracts. This work employs undergraduates as they gain hands-on experience in applied sociology.
- Our Culture and Health minor provides students interested in health care professions with greater awareness into how large cultural forces impact health, illness, and treatment. We do this through coursework, research opportunities, internship placements, and international study abroad. The minor better prepares students to enter medical school and other health care professions, and to provide greater insight into their patients' experiences.
- Archaeology, a subfield of anthropology, is the study of past cultures through their material remains. We offer field experiences for students in Tennessee, North Carolina, and France, and have opportunities for hands-on learning in our archaeology laboratories at the ETSU/Eastman Valleybrook campus.

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