

Anthropology @ UK unis - quick facts

Top 20*

1 Cambridge **	A*AA	11 Edinburgh	AAA
2 Oxford	AAA	12 SOAS, London	AAB
3 Exeter	AAB	13 St Andrews	AAB
4 UCL	AAB	14 Kent	BBB
5 Manchester	ABB	15 John Moores ***	BBC
6 Birmingham	ABB	16 Aberdeen	BBB
7 Sussex	ABB	17 Brunel, London	BBB
8 LSE	AAB	18 UCLAN ****	BCC
9 Southampton	ABB	19 Queen's Belfast	ABB
10 Durham	AAB	20 Bristol	AAB

* Complete University Guide April 2020 (sometimes listed as social anthropology)

** HSPS *** John Moores University, Liverpool **** University of Central Lancashire

Must haves

There are usually no specific subject requirements. Anthropology can be viewed as a science and/or an arts subject thus successful anthropology applicants study at A Level such diverse subjects as English, history, economics, languages, sociology, music, biology, chemistry, geography, mathematics, physics, religious studies and art.

Other degrees to consider

Anthropology (or social anthropology) is often taken as a joint honours degree with archaeology. Other degrees to consider include philosophy, history, law, geography, sociology or a joint honours degree with any of these and anthropology.

Example course modules

Anthropology involves the study of cultures and societies across the world and helps in our understanding of societal issues such as multiculturalism, religion and human rights. You are likely to learn theories and methodologies for research work and have the opportunity to go on field trips, abroad if you're lucky. Anthropology degrees are exciting and dynamic and cover every aspect of life from the pre-historic to the present day. They are usually some of the most flexible degrees, allowing you to choose what interests you most. Modules might focus on archaeology, mythology, identity, social organisation, economy, migration, landscape, health, technology, art, music, human ecology, human osteology, evolutionary biology, research methods and ethnographic methods.

Contact hours per week: 9, on average. (Average all subjects 14.)

Career prospects

While an anthropology degree doesn't set you up for a specific job, it does open up doors across a wide range of industries, thanks to the knowledge you gain in both sciences and arts. Historically, anthropology graduates are more likely than most to gravitate towards London or work overseas. You might work in marketing, the arts, museums, research, social care, education or management.

Average starting salary: £18,000