COURSES:

ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR:
11 course units, including:
- ANTH 1024 Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 1034 Human Origins or
- ANTH 1054 Introduction to Archaeology
- SOC 2224 Research Methods in the Social Sciences
- ANTH 3944 Junior Seminar: History and Theory of Anthropology
- ANTH 4444 Senior Seminar
Plus 6 Anthropology electives

ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR:
6 course units, including:
- ANTH 1024 Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 1034 Human Origins or
- ANTH 1054 Introduction to Archaeology

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ABOUT THE MAJOR:
The anthropology program at Transylvania provides students with a broad base for understanding and interpreting human action in a variety of prehistorical, historical and contemporary contexts. The major has great appeal to students who are interested in how other people live, have a curiosity about where humans came from and would like to learn more about the past than is found in history books.

As the comparative, cross-cultural study of human experience and behavior, anthropology is typically divided into four subfields—cultural anthropology, archaeology, physical anthropology and linguistics. Transylvania’s program emphasizes cultural anthropology and archaeology and features course subjects that range from human origins and evolution to religion, gender studies, underwater archaeology and Latin American prehistory, among others.

Anthropology students at Transylvania have opportunities for many out-of-class learning experiences, including the chance to do research with professors in the program. Chris Begley, associate professor of anthropology, has taken students to Honduras, Suriname, Guyana, Peru, Iceland, Spain, Albania and elsewhere, involving students in his ongoing research in Croatia, Honduras and Suriname. Closer to home, students can apply their classroom knowledge to hands-on experience at archaeological digs in Kentucky. Hande Ozkan, assistant professor of anthropology, involves her students in ethnographic research projects on campus as well as in Lexington and has ongoing research in Turkey.

COURSES OF SPECIAL INTEREST:
Representing the Middle East
Health, Healing, and Culture
Gender, Culture, and the Body
Urban Anthropology
Maritime Archaeology
Appalachia and the Environment
Sustainable Development
The Anthropology of Food
Service Learning: The Refugee Experience in Lexington
Pain, Suffering, Death
Nationalism, Violence, Militarism
Plants, Animals, People

WHERE OUR GRADUATES STUDY:
Cambridge University
University of Chicago
New York University
University of California
University of Wisconsin
Vanderbilt University
University of Colorado-Boulder
University of Oregon
Washington University

POSITIONS OUR GRADUATES HAVE HELD:
AmeriCorps coordinator
Refugee services job coordinator
Diversity trainer for state government
Anthropology professor
Attorney/Immigration lawyer
Public health researcher
Fayette Alliance staff member (sustainable growth organization)

POSSIBLE CAREER OPTIONS:
International development program staff
National and international non-governmental organization associate
Community organizer
Urban planning and development specialist
Diversity trainer
Interpreter/Medical interpreter
Non-profit group organizer

“Transylvania anthropologists are dynamic, respected scholars who are very active in their disciplines. Students benefit from research opportunities and get to participate in the scientific process and understand the discipline of anthropology from faculty who are both teachers and active researchers.”

Chris Begley, associate professor of anthropology