

Anthropology Program Mission Statement

The mission of the program in Anthropology at California State University, Chico, is to provide students with a holistic foundation in the study of anthropology. This is achieved through a rigorous and balanced curriculum imparted by our faculty within the teacher/scholar model that encompasses the current theoretical perspectives and methodologies of the discipline. We emphasize good communication skills, critical thinking, and reflection, and integrate these into ethical and moral deliberations about human biological and cultural diversity. The program prepares students to apply their education in practice while enabling them to gain specialization in one or more of the four major subfields that include cultural anthropology, archaeology, and biological anthropology, and linguistics, and a fifth area, museum studies.