Department: Anthropology

Assessment Coordinator: Todd Koetje

Departmental Mission:

In support of the mission of Western Washington University and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences the Department of Anthropology provides a high quality educational experience for undergraduate and graduate students and contributes to the overall mission of the University through research, scholarship, and community service. The Department provides a solid grounding in the four fields of Anthropology: cultural, physical, archaeological and linguistic. The Department trains students in the fundamental concepts of anthropology that enable them to think critically about their role in a multi-cultural world. Given this mission the Department is committed to achieving four specific goals that promote a deep understanding of the diversity of humankind and engage in the practical application of anthropology in the community.

Department Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon graduation, (department or program) majors will be able to:

1. Articulate a deep understanding of Humankind, both past and Present
2. Acquire knowledge of the principles and primary data in each of the four subfields and appreciate their interconnectivity
3. Articulate, analyze and organize the knowledge gained in order to demonstrate an appreciation of the diversity of Humankind
4. Know how to engage in the practical application of Anthropology in the community
5. View their education in Anthropology as relevant to their lives post graduation
6. For the Bio-Cultural Degree appreciate and understand the connections between human culture and biology
7. For the Anthropology Social Studies Degree, understand and appreciate the diversity of approaches to studying human culture, past and present.
Undergraduate Student Learning Outcomes Assessed This Year:

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<td>Summaries of student performance relative to SLOs 2 and 4 were reported to the Chair/Assessment Coordinator by faculty offering 301, 303, 335. The Chair/Assessment Coordinator will summarize the responses for the department to present at the annual assessment meeting to be held this fall. The faculty will decide upon an improvement plan.</td>
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