

**Please print and fill out the following survey and return to the Anthropology Department. The survey's are completely anonymous.**

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**Or you can bring it by the Anthropology office in Hamilton College, room 317.**

**Thank you for your time.**

Graduation Date:

## Graduating Seniors Evaluation of Anthropology at USC

### STUDENT BACKGROUND

1. Years as a major in Anthropology at University of South Carolina (circle) 1 2 3 4 other

2. Primary area of interest in anthropology (circle):

biological or biocultural      sociocultural      linguistic      archaeology

3. Primary ethnographic area of interest (e.g., Africa, gypsies, Eskimo, etc.)

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4. When and what was it that made you decide to choose anthropology as a major?

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5. Now that you are graduating, what are your short term/long term plans? Graduate school? What kind of job? Other? If graduate school, in what academic area?

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6. What career do you see yourself pursuing?

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7. How closely is your anthropology degree connected to your future plans (circle):

Not at all      Somewhat      Very much      Not sure

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Were you a member of the Anthropology Student Association and was it worthwhile? (circle)

No, not a member      Yes/yes      Yes/no      Yes/somewhat

9. Did you attend colloquia? (circle)      Yes      No      Only once

**KNOWLEDGE OF THE CORE OF ANTHROPOLOGY**

10. Do you feel that a four-field approach to anthropology is important? Yes No Unsure

11. Are you satisfied with your working or basic knowledge of the four fields in anthropology?

Very much Yes Somewhat No

12. Do you feel that you have a basic grasp of how anthropology looks at biological and cultural changes in human prehistory and history? Yes Somewhat No

13. Do you feel that you have a basic grasp of how anthropology views cultural diversity worldwide and through time? Yes Somewhat No

14. Do you feel that you have a basic grasp of how different aspects of human life are interrelated (e.g. biological and cultural evolution, language and culture, ways of making a living and the environment)? Yes Somewhat No

15. If you answered “somewhat” or “no” to any of questions 11-14, please briefly evaluate **why** (e.g., courses were inadequate; you did not apply yourself or weren’t interested):

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16. Were research ethics and/or professional ethics part of your classroom discussions in various classes? Yes No Unsure

Explain or evaluate: \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMMUNICATION, CRITICAL THINKING, AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SKILLS**

17. Some anthropology courses include projects and papers that require you to write. How well do these courses develop your writing skills?

Very good Adequate Not very good Never had any required

18. How would you rate the anthropology faculty input toward improving your writing skills?

Very good Adequate Not very good

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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19. Some anthropology courses require you to do research, either in the library or through the internet. How well do these courses develop your research skills?

Very well      Adequate      Not very well      Never had any required

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

20. Some anthropology courses include discussion and/or presentations. How well do these courses develop your oral skills?

Very well      Adequate      Not very well      Never had any required

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

21. Some anthropology courses require that you use word processing and/or other computer-based technology to prepare papers or presentations. How well do you feel that these requirements developed your word processing or computer skills?

Very well      Adequate      Not very well      Never had to use it myself

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

22. What kinds of courses or training did you find most useful in preparing you for graduate school or a job?

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23. What kinds of courses or training would you have liked to take but were not able to or were not available?

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### **EVALUATING ANTHROPOLOGY**

24. What aspects of the physical facilities (classroom, laboratories, building) need improvement?

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25. Do you feel it is easy to negotiate the major – for example, getting the courses and advising you need? (circle)                      Yes                      No                      Unsure

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

26. How adequate was the information about the range of possible careers in anthropology you received at the University of South Carolina (circle)?

Very adequate              Adequate              Somewhat adequate              Inadequate

Explain (e.g., who/where did you find information): \_\_\_\_\_

27. Do you feel that you were well and properly advised for graduate school? (circle)

Yes              No              Not applicable

28. Do you feel your major prepared you with skills and perspective that will be valuable for your future plans in graduate school or the job market? (circle)

Not at all              Somewhat              Yes              Very much

29. Does the University of South Carolina offer a wide enough range of anthropology courses?

Yes              No              Unsure

30. What, if any, courses would you like to see added to the anthropology curriculum? In other words, are your interests represented in the courses offered?

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31. Would you change anything about the major requirements?    Yes    No    Unsure

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

32. Are you a double major or do you have an interdisciplinary major?    Yes    No

What is your other major? \_\_\_\_\_ Has that been easy or difficult to

arrange and manage? Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

33. Are there courses you think should be restricted to majors or should have prerequisites?

Yes              No              Unsure

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

34. Are there any courses you feel are too large or too small? Yes No Unsure

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

35. Are there courses you think should definitely be open to the Carolina community, whether or not the other students are majors? Yes No Unsure

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

36. Discuss availability of learning resources in the library and elsewhere on campus that you need for your major:

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37. Do you feel there should be more opportunities for learning through service (i.e., service learning) as part of the major? Yes No

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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38. Do you believe that your courses in anthropology have been particularly useful to you in understanding courses in other departments? Yes No

If so, which courses in anthropology and in other departments:

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39. How would you rate the overall teaching effectiveness of the anthropology faculty compared to other professors you have had at the University of South Carolina?

(Best) 5 4 3 2 1 (Worst)

40. Was your contact with faculty outside the classroom rewarding?

Not at all Somewhat Yes Very much Had none

Explain (e.g., opportunities were there but I didn't take them): \_\_\_\_\_

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41. What aspects of the program did you find most rewarding or valuable (e.g., specific classes, field training, relationships with faculty, relationships with other students, ASA, attending professional meetings, interacting with graduate students, participation in a research project)?

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42. How do you feel anthropology is represented or viewed on campus or by the state legislature?

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43. Would you like to maintain contact with the department and receive a newsletter about other anthropology students, alumni, upcoming professional meetings and events, and opportunities?

Yes      No      Not sure      (If yes, please be sure to fill out our separate contact card)

44. Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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