

Anthropology as a Major and Career

<http://content.csbs.utah.edu/~cashdan/tig>

Course Aims and Description

The course has two main aims: to provide you with the information and skills needed to be a successful student in the Department of Anthropology, and to prepare you to use your degree productively after you graduate. You will learn about departmental programs and University resources through guest speakers and library workshops, and you will explore career options through an individual and group final project.

The course website is at <http://content.csbs.utah.edu/~cashdan/tig>. The website includes full details about course assignments, as well as many links about career resources, field schools, etc. Please check it regularly for announcements. Information on the web supersedes everything else (including this syllabus). This course does not use Canvas.

Course Requirements

Attendance. Regular attendance is expected, because most of the learning will take place in class and cannot be replicated at home. A sign-in sheet will be passed around each class period; it is your responsibility to sign in each time.

Because this class consists primarily of guest lectures, students are expected to be courteous and arrive on time; arriving late or leaving early is very disruptive to the speakers. Students arriving more than 10 minutes late will not be allowed to sign the attendance sheet.

Assignments. Students will also (a) complete three very short homework assignments, (b) participate in a group presentation on career options in their area of interest, and (c) write a report on two internships, employers or post-graduate educational institutions. Full information about assignments is available on the course webpage (not on Canvas).

Submit all written assignments directly to turnitin.com. I will use turnitin's "grademark" feature to enter comments online. No hardcopy is needed. To submit the first assignment, set up an account with turnitin.com if you haven't done so previously, and use the enrollment password "career" and the class ID 9206224

Contact Information

My office is 217A Stewart Hall and my office phone is 801-581-4672. Feel free to stop by anytime, or contact me to make an appointment. The best way is via email (ecashdan@gmail.com).

Evaluation and Grading

The grade will be based on:

Attendance	35%	2.5 points per class
Assignments (3)	24%	8 points each
Group presentation	15%	15 points
Individual Career report	25%	25 points
Peer review	1%	1 point

The peer review is of your career group members, and will help me assign an individual grade for the group presentations. Late assignments will be given a grade penalty. If a late submission is necessary, clear it with me first via email to ensure credit.

Class Schedule

Jan 14: Introduction to the course. **For next class**, read the 2 study habits articles on the course website.

Jan 21: Study strategies: Research on what works.

Jan 28: Library Resources I with Dave Morrison. Meet in Marriott 1110.

Feb 4: Library Resources II with Dave Morrison. Meet in Marriott 1110.

Feb 11: Undergraduate Research Opportunities: Rachel Hayes-Harb. Also, writing an effective term paper [**first assignment due**].

Feb 18: Learning abroad: Liz Kociolek

Feb 25: Anthropology at the U, Archaeology: Jack Broughton [**second assignment due**].

Mar 4: Anthropology at the U, Cultural/environmental anthropology: Adrian Bell, Mercedes Ward

Mar 11: Anthropology at the U, Biological anthropology: Leslie Knapp

Mar 18: spring break

Mar 25: Career services office: Damien Pitts; first interest group meeting

Apr 1: 2nd Interest group meeting; [**third assignment due**].

Apr. 8: Choosing and applying to graduate school; career contacts

Apr 15: Group reports (tentative): archaeology and health careers

Apr 22: Group reports (tentative): cultural and biological careers

May 1: **Individual career reports and peer evaluations due**