

Sample SLOs for:

Anthropology

Describe the breadth of anthropology and be able to characterize the range of anthropology's distinctive philosophical and methodological approaches with respect to other disciplines within the social sciences, natural sciences, and humanities.

Demonstrate an understanding of the historical development and centrality of the "four-field approach" in American anthropology, with the ability to define each subdiscipline's contributions to the whole.

Explain the basic processes of biological evolution and specifically, describe the evidence for humankind's descent from apes and the subsequent course of human evolution.

Describe modern human biological diversity and articulate an informed position on the question of biological races of humans.

Demonstrate a scientific understanding of the development and operation of contemporary ethnic/cultural variation in humans, including an appreciation of ethical concerns arising from that variation.

Demonstrate the ability to think holistically and comparatively in describing human life-ways using non-ethnocentric methods.

Demonstrate knowledge of the wide range of past and present human biocultural systems, including ecological relationships, social and cultural organization, and ideology (belief systems).

Assess the relative advantages and disadvantages of using archaeology as a method for elucidating culture history.

Understand the place of research in the development and evaluation of scientific theories in general and anthropological theory in particular.

Understand the importance of the mental-behavioral and emic-etic distinction in anthropological research and theory building.

Comprehend different research methodologies, their strengths and limitations as applied to anthropological research questions.

Be able to understand the use of quantitative methods in the analysis of data from all four sub fields of anthropology and have the ability to evaluate the use and misuse of analyses of quantitative data in anthropological research.

Articulate anthropological insights into contemporary issues of multiculturalism and diversity with reference to both past and present human biological and ethnic or cultural variation.

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