

MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY, CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY CONCENTRATION

The Cultural Anthropology concentration focuses on contemporary experiences of culturally distinct communities encountering a rapidly globalizing political economy. Students are provided with robust training in mixed methods, community-based approaches, and applied anthropology. Topically, faculty investigate issues related to the transformation of individual experience and community relations within the context of economic development, governmental and nongovernmental policy, and environmental change. Increasingly, faculty seek to understand the way subjective and material well-being are impacted by the rapidly changing contexts of modernity. Topics of research interest include:

- Human-environment interactions
- Community and economic development
- Health and well-being
- Cultural psychiatry
- Disasters and resilience
- Gender
- Culture continuity and change

The faculty are passionate about teaching, and they strive to bring excitement and relevance to the classroom by infusing it with their practical field experiences. Cultural faculty conduct their research in India, Southeast Asia, Central Asia, Africa, the Caribbean, New Orleans, Native North America, and in virtual reality. Students concentrating in Cultural Anthropology explore issues of place and space, cultural theory, cultural content and methods.