Pathways in Anthropology

Activism & Social Justice

Study the forces that shape social movements and humanitarian interventions

The Activism & Social Justice pathway offers tools for analyzing injustice, both globally and in the United States. Courses examine human rights activism and advocacy, anti-incarceration activism, social movements, feminist activism and LGBTQ movements, NGOs, and humanitarianism. On this pathway, you can learn to analyze these movements and gain a set of ethical orientations that can help transform your reflections into consequential action in the world.
One route along the Activism & Social Justice Pathway to the Anthropology Major

- Sociocultural requirement:
  Anthr 2400 Cultural Diversity & Contemporary Issues OR
  Anthr 2935 Criminal Justice and Prison Worlds

- Archaeological requirement:
  Anthr 1200 Ancient Peoples and Places

- Biological requirement:
  Anthr 2310 Natural History of Chimpanzees & the Origins of Politics

- Anthr 3000 Introduction to Anthropological Theory

- Two of the following:
  Anthr 3232 Politics of the Past
  Anthr 3422 Culture, Politics, & Environment in the Circumpolar North
  Anthr 3620 A Global Controversy: How to Study a Human Rights Violation

- Anthr 4437 Development, Humanitarianism, & the Will to Improve

- Anthr 4462 Politics Beyond the State: Activism, Advocacy, & NGOs

- Eight credits of electives that could include any of the 3000-level courses above, or:
  Anthr 4419 Anthropology of Corporations
  Anthr 4071 Through the Prison Threshold
  Anthr 4479 Ethnicity & Identity Politics: An Anthropological Perspective

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