What will your curriculum look like?
The Department of Anthropology offers courses in the discipline's four subfields:
- Sociocultural anthropology
- Linguistic anthropology
- Archaeology
- Physical anthropology

The major is divided into three tracks:
- General anthropology
- Linguistic anthropology
- Archaeology

Honors students carry out independent research leading to a thesis, which is defended at the end of the senior year.

The minor in anthropology:
The minor consists of five courses, including introductory courses in sociocultural anthropology and archaeology.

Exceptional undergraduates with strong academic grounding and professional aspirations may apply to the combined B.A./M.A. program and receive both degrees in four years.

Electives for the major and minor cover a wide range of topics, including economic and political anthropology, religion and ritual, language and symbolism, gender and the body, evolution and history, cognitive and psychological anthropology, osteology and archaeology, and theoretical and methodological issues.

Qualified undergraduates may enroll in graduate-level courses in anthropology.

What else does the anthropology program offer?

Opportunities for research:
Students may receive course credit for summer and semester-long field research projects and for internships. Archaeology students work as field research assistants for departmental faculty. Students may do independent research in the Archaeology Laboratory and in the Material Culture Study Center.

Greater Boston Anthropology Consortium (GBAC):
Undergraduates have the opportunity to present the results of their research at the annual Student Research Conference sponsored by GBAC, consisting of the faculties of Brandeis, Tufts University, and Wellesley College.

Center for Materials Research in Archaeology and Ethnology (CMRAE):
Advanced students may take specialized courses at M.I.T. from distinguished Boston-area faculty who participate in CMRAE.

What kind of career and education options will you have?
Students completing the B.A. in anthropology pursue a variety of career paths and additional professional training. Anthropological skills are in demand in research, health, legal, and corporate organizations engaged in global activities.

How can you learn more?
Visit the department website at www.brandeis.edu/programs/anthro or contact the program chair, Professor Richard Parmentier, at rparmentier@brandeis.edu.