

Anthropological Research

Individual Writing Assignment University Seminar – ANTH 109E

You have now had the opportunity to hear about and see the research of several Notre Dame anthropologists, representing the various subfields of the discipline. Pick an area of interest to explore further. Examples include:

- Diet reconstruction
- Childhood health and adaptability
- Disease reconstruction
- Primate/human interactions
- Archaeological chemistry
- Near Eastern archaeology
- Sports (coming soon)
- Anthropological linguistics (coming soon)
- Medical anthropology (coming soon)

Discuss how an interdisciplinary approach is necessary to these areas of research. Provide examples of how at least two of the sub-areas of anthropology. For example, what contributions would an archaeologist and a cultural anthropologist make to the particular area of study? How might a linguist and a biological anthropologist add to the research?

Also, provide an example of an active study in the area you choose, outside of Notre Dame. What are they looking at? How does their research cross multiple sub-disciplines of anthropology? What sorts of research questions are they asking?

Write a two page paper on this topic, 1.5 spacing. Use 1 inch margins all around. Be sure to include your name on the paper. And make sure it is clear from the first paragraph of the paper what area of research you are discussing. Provide clear concise examples for your summary. Be sure to include references for the sources you use for this work.