SLU ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT LEARNING GOALS

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By the time they graduate, all anthropology majors should be able to:

1. understand how each of the four sub-disciplines — biological anthropology, archaeology, cultural anthropology, and linguistic anthropology — has been defined and what each contributes to anthropology as a holistic discipline;

2. explain what it means to be human, and recognize and appreciate culture, social, linguistic and biological diversity within and between human populations across time and space;

3. articulate how fundamental theories and concepts in anthropology -- evolution, culture, society, structure, function, relativism -- have developed and are applied across the different sub-disciplines;

4. use qualitative and quantitative method to conduct anthropological research in an ethical fashion;

5. demonstrate critical reading and thinking skills and effectively communicate anthropological knowledge through speech and writing