



QSS major

[Quantitative Sciences]

Anthropology track

Emory's Quantitative Sciences (QSS) major offers a rigorous and accessible way to combine mastery of quantitative approaches with whatever discipline or career path interests you. Combining a QSS major with our anthropology track gives you the intellectual foundation as well as the technical skills and methods to examine everything from how ideals and norms spread to health disparities at the global and regional level.

Career options

A strong quantitative background gives you plenty of options in the field of anthropology. Tech firms such as Microsoft hire anthropologists to study how actual customers use their products. The federal government and global agencies employ

anthropologists to oversee programs in areas such as health policy and development. Anthropologists with quantitative skills are also attractive to market research firms that conduct in-depth research that combines statistical analysis with targeted focus groups.



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Research opportunities

Anthropologists focus on questions of how humans differ and how they are the same, as well as what social, evolutionary, and environmental factors are responsible for those differences. Quantitatively driven anthropology research will enable you pursue a wide range of topics, including:

- The intersection of culture and healthcare by exploring the relationship between patients' choices of procedures and their cultural backgrounds;
- The evolution of human languages;
- Promoting a culture of sustainability; and
- Global questions, such as the international diffusion of cultural ideals and norms or health disparities across the world.

Graduate study

Depending on your ultimate career goals, you might choose to earn an MD or PhD in anthropology. If you're interested in medical anthropology (the social and cultural influences on health, illness, and healing), you may be interested in pursuing joint graduate programs offering a master's of science and a master's of public health in applied anthropology and public health.

Quantitative Sciences Program Requirements

As a QSS major, you must take:

- At least 7 QSS courses: 4 core and 3 upper-level electives
- A minimum of 6 additional courses in your chosen substantive track

- Additional electives (either in the QSS major or in your substantive track) may need to be taken to fulfill the QSS degree requirements.

Upper-Level Electives

Topics may include computational modeling, advanced statistics, GIS, technical writing, longitudinal analysis, maximum likelihood estimation, and experimental methods, among others.



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