



Meet Professor Garcia

My purpose in life is to teach and inspire students to help them achieve their personal and educational goals. As an Indigenous Chicano Anthropologist, I am adamant about revitalizing and preserving ancestral knowledge systems. I strive to imagine and build sustainable living practices in the realm of health, food, and family - Prof. Garcia

Why take Anthropology at LATTC?

Students benefit from humanistic methods training during all anthropology courses. You'll be taught how to keenly and ethically observe human behavior, collect and share information, and make genuine connections with people. Rest assured, your voice and contributions matter, and all current anthro classes meet transfer and degree requirements.

ANTHROPOLOGY AT LA TRADE-TECH

Behavioral and Social Sciences Department



Current 2025 Offerings

- Anthro 101: Human Biological Evolution**
- Anthro 111: Human Biological Evolution Laboratory**
- Anthro 102: Cultural Anthropology**
- Anthro 103: Archaeology**

What is Anthropology?

Anthropology studies all things human, past, present, and future. In the social sciences, anthropology is the most holistic discipline and is divided into four fields of practice: cultural anthropology, archaeology, human biological evolution, and linguistic anthropology. The origins of anthropology rest in a Western legacy of exploration, conquest, and colonization of non-white Indigenous “others” worldwide. In the United States, anthropology developed alongside the view that Native American Peoples would become extinct and that people of color were inferior. As a result, race, ethnicity, and race relations in the US remain a central topic in anthropology. Despite anthropology's racist underpinnings and long-held colonial program, the discipline has a record for being at the forefront of the world's most daunting challenges. The collection and exchange of human information are the heart of anthropology, and students rigorously prepare to understand the human body, culture, and the natural world.



The Gulf Coast Olmec and their Neighbors



Anthropology at LA Trade-Tech

At LA Trade-Tech, anthropology is a study that trains, listens, teaches, and heals. Our students are encouraged to contribute to the learning through their storytelling and lived experiences. On any given day, the city of Los Angeles (home of the Gabrielino, Kizh, and Tongva Nations) is the cultural crossroads of the Western Hemisphere. LA is where the thoughts, ideas, and practices of Indigenous Peoples worldwide come together. Anthropology here is authentic, unapologetic, and pressing for change. Students learn from food customs, modern and traditional medicine, big city politics, and the natural environment, and incorporate hands-on practicums and service learning. Our instructors reflect students' strengths and make connections through equity-minded teaching and anti-racist work. Anthropology at LA Trade-Tech is reciprocal and Indigenous, where students train to become better human beings while uncovering what makes them richly unique.

Reach out to us today!

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