Did you know...

There are archaeologists who focus their research on the impacts of past weather trends, such as El Niño, and natural disasters. The sort of research has aided in developing modern responses to such changes in climate and environment.

EXPLORING CAREERS IN ARCHAEOLOGY
RESOURCES AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS TO PLAN YOUR NEXT STEPS IN THE FIELD

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Career Readiness Competencies
These are the skills sought by employers that can set potential candidates apart, and the courses taken for an archaeology degree can hone these skills. Some examples include:

- Professionalism
  - ANTH 1020 – Introduction to Archaeology
  - ANTH 3180 – Archaeology and Public Policy

- Oral and Written Communication
  - ANTH 3430 – Anthropological Approaches to Globalization
  - ANTH 3810 – Language, Culture, and Society
  - ANTH 4420 – Museums and Meaning

- Collaboration
  - ANTH 4980 – Senior Seminar in Anthropology
  - ANTH 3360 – Applied community studies

- Technology Application
  - ANTH 3210 – Lab Techniques in Archaeology
  - ANTH 3215 – Mapping Archaeology
  - ANTH 4270 – Landscape Archaeology

- Leadership
  - ANTH 3180 – Archaeology and Public Policy
  - ANTH 3190 – Field Practicum

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusiveness
  - ANTH 3380 – Evolutionary Medicine and Health
  - ANTH 3430 – Anthropological Approaches to Globalization

- Critical Thinking
  - Nearly all courses!

Where Do Archaeologists Work?
According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, "[a]nthropologists and archeologists typically work in research organizations, government, and consulting firms," but as is true for other sub-fields of anthropology, archaeologists learn skills that lend to career flexibility.

For more info about Archaeology visit the Society of American Archaeology’s website.

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