Do you want to develop a deep understanding of humankind, and our cultural and biological diversity? Studying Anthropological Science at the University of Auckland brings together the natural sciences, the human sciences and the humanities to help you develop this deep understanding of the human species.

What you will learn

Understanding humans in the past, present and future requires well-rounded scientists with highly developed problem solving skills. Studying Anthropological Science offers you the chance to hone your scientific skills and apply emerging technologies, while learning about the species you belong to – what's more enticing than that?

New scientific methods and technologies in anthropological science include the analysis of DNA and ancient DNA, C-14 dating, stable isotope research, metallurgy, the analysis of live and fossil spores, the annual rings of trees, pollen grains, and human and animal remains, as well as the behavioural observation of humans and primates.

Choosing a subject

With so many options it's sometimes hard to choose what you want to study, but we've got you covered. You can study a double major with our Bachelor of Science to gain a broader base of skills and knowledge.

Complementary majors include:

- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Earth Sciences
- Geography
- Psychology
- Statistics

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Undergraduate Anthropological Science

This major will give you the chance to apply more science to your studies in archaeology and biological anthropology. Other sciences complement the study of Anthropological Science, for example, Biological Science, Environmental Science, Earth Sciences or Geography.

Graduates gain an internationally accepted qualification, excellent research skills and the knowledge to work within some of the world’s most rapidly advancing scientific fields.

If you’re interested in studying Anthropological Science with us, it will be beneficial for you to have high school biology, chemistry and mathematics, although they’re not essential. Subjects such as history, geography and English also provide useful, fundamental skills.