**2018-2019 Anthropology (BA)**

**The Assessment**

Engagement in the local and global community is a core learning outcome in the anthropology program. Using a qualitative analysis of research proposals in ANT 3100, faculty assessed students’ understanding of civic engagement and learned that students see anthropological research as a form of civic engagement itself. Students’ proposals revealed that many view research as a way to “directly confront political challenges alongside research subjects rather than study social problems from a detached, objectivist viewpoint.”

**The Impact**

This assessment served to both enhance faculty’s understanding of students’ learning in relation to civic engagement and to evaluate the usefulness of a qualitative approach to assessment. Based on this initial success, faculty plan to expand this assessment into other levels of the program to see whether students’ view of anthropology, practice, and engagement transform over time.

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