

TABLE 1.1 Branches of Anthropology

BRANCH OF ANTHROPOLOGY	DESCRIPTION
Archaeology	Focuses on past human culture through the analysis of material remains
Cultural anthropology	Focuses on all aspects of contemporary human cultures, including language, economic systems, social systems, art, and ideology; data are usually collected through long-term observation of people; also known as social anthropology or socio-cultural anthropology
Biological anthropology	Focuses on human biology, past and present, including human biological evolution and contemporary biological diversity; also known as physical anthropology
Linguistic anthropology	Focuses on human languages, past and present, including the cultural context in which language is used and the ways in which language, social life, and culture are intertwined