

ANTHROPOLOGY, M.A.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students in the Standard MA track will recognize and describe research themes and content area from all sub-fields, to generalize research findings and approaches across sub-fields, and to demonstrate competency in coursework in at least two sub-fields of anthropology. Students in the Professional MA Track in Archaeology will recognize and describe research themes and content area within archaeology that are relevant to the wider field of anthropology.
2. All students will be able to describe and evaluate the historical development and contemporary expressions of anthropological theory.
3. All students will be able to conduct document-based and field research, to engage in professional-level scholarly dialogue, to lead classroom discussions, and to present scholarly papers. Students will be able to plan and complete an original piece of scholarly research. Students will be able to identify and discuss important ethical issues in anthropology.
4. All students will be able to design, conduct, analyze, and report the results of a research project. They will be able to use a variety of information technology resources to gather, analyze and present information.

Admission

Applicants for the Master's degree must have a baccalaureate degree from an approved college of university. Applicants must be recommended to the Graduate School for acceptance by the Department of Anthropology. Admission requirements include official transcripts from all previous colleges or universities (whether a degree was earned or not), a personal statement of the student's interest and intent, a writing sample, and at least two letters of recommendation. Applicants to the Professional MA track in archaeology must demonstrate completion of a field school or commensurate supervised field experience. A strong applicant should have a 3.50 GPA. Practically speaking, an applicant intending to seek a MA should be supported by at least two faculty members willing to serve as mentors in order to be admitted into the program.

Standard MA Track Requirements (33 Hours)

Students are required to complete a minimum of 27 hours of course work and a master's thesis (6 hours) for a total of 33 hours. Of these, at least 14 hours must be courses at the 700-level, excluding the thesis hours (ANTH 799). Students must participate in supervised fieldwork and successfully pass a written comprehensive exam. Specific requirements for the Standard MA Track are listed below:

Required Core Courses (6 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 703	Anthropological Inquiry	3
ANTH 711	Professionalism and Ethics	3
Total Credit Hours		6

Subfields - Core Course(s) (at least 3 hours)

Students must specialize in one of the following four subfields of anthropology and complete one or more *core courses* in theory and methodology from within that subfield.

Archaeology

Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 720	Development of Anthropological Archaeology	3
ANTH 745	Seminar in Historical Archaeology	3
Total Credit Hours		6

Biological/Biocultural Anthropology

Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 762	Biological Anthropology Principles and Theory	3
Total Credit Hours		3

Cultural Anthropology

Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 730	Cultural Theory through Ethnography	3
Total Credit Hours		3

Linguistic Anthropology

Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 747	Language as Social Action	3
ANTH 748	Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology	3
Total Credit Hours		6

Subfield Coursework (15 hours)

In this course work the student develops, in close consultation with their advisor, a specialty within anthropology. Coursework to build this strength will primarily be taken in Anthropology, but may include one or more courses from outside the Department.

Supervised Fieldwork

Students are required to undertake supervised fieldwork, usually during the summer between their first and second year. This requirement can be met through an approved field school or other supervised fieldwork either as a research assistant on field projects or in the course of collecting their own data. Archaeology students with no previous experience are encouraged to take the field school offered by this program or, when the student's interests warrant it, at another institution with the approval of the student's advisor.

Comprehensive Examination

Students must take and pass a comprehensive examination administered by the department.

Master's Thesis (6 hours)

Students must complete a master's thesis and six hours of thesis preparation.

Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 799	Thesis Preparation	1-9
Total Credit Hours		1-9

Anthropological Breadth (3 hours)

Each student is required to take one *core course* outside their subfield from the following list:

Archaeology

Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 720	Development of Anthropological Archaeology	3
ANTH 745	Seminar in Historical Archaeology	3
Total Credit Hours		6

Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 799	Thesis Preparation	1-9
Total Credit Hours		1-9

Biological/Biocultural Anthropology

Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 762	Biological Anthropology Principles and Theory	3
Total Credit Hours		3

Cultural Anthropology

Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 730	Cultural Theory through Ethnography	3
Total Credit Hours		3

Linguistic Anthropology

Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 747	Language as Social Action	3
ANTH 748	Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology	3
Total Credit Hours		6

Professional MA Track in Archaeology Requirements (30 hours)

Students are required to complete a minimum of 24 hours of course work and a master's thesis (6 hours of ANTH 799) for a total of 30 hours. Of these, at least 12 hours must be courses at the 700 level, excluding ANTH 799. Students must successfully pass a comprehensive exam and complete a master's thesis. Specific requirements for the Professional MA Track in Archaeology are listed below:

Required Core Courses (12 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 720	Development of Anthropological Archaeology	3
or ANTH 745	Seminar in Historical Archaeology	
ANTH 750	Archaeological Laboratory Analysis	4
ANTH 751	Archaeological Research Design and Analysis	3
ANTH 742	Public Archaeology	3
Total Credit Hours		13

Concentration (12 hours)

Students must choose a concentration in a discipline that complements archaeological enquiry and take at least 12 graduate credits in that concentration. Concentrations may include, but are not limited to, geoarchaeology, geophysical prospecting, geographic information systems, historic preservation, museum studies, materials sciences, and Native American relations.

Comprehensive Examination

Students must take and pass a comprehensive examination administered by the department.

Master's Thesis (6 hours)

Students must complete a master's thesis and six hours of thesis preparation.