

Anthropology and Applied Archaeology

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Degree: Master of Arts
Major: Anthropology

To be admitted with regular graduate status for a Master of Arts degree in anthropology, the student must hold a bachelor's degree in anthropology or a related area with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00. To be admitted with conditional status for a Master of Arts degree in anthropology, a student must hold a bachelor's degree with a cumulative GPA of 2.70 with at least a 3.00 cumulative average in anthropology courses taken as an undergraduate. If the student has taken graduate work, he or she must have a graduate cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 and a 3.25 cumulative average in graduate anthropology coursework.

A non-degree graduate student must receive departmental approval to enter graduate anthropology courses.

An applicant's transcripts will be reviewed along with the vitae to determine if leveling courses are necessary. Generally every incoming graduate student must be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of the four subfields of Anthropology: linguistics, physical anthropology, archaeology and cultural anthropology. If a student has taken and satisfactorily passed such courses or can show field experiences in an area, then leveling courses will not be imposed. Up to 10 hours of leveling courses may be required depending upon the transcript review. Each applicant must submit to the graduate program at least two current letters of reference, a letter of application, a vitae which includes all of their discipline-related experience, and an example of their writing. All application materials will be reviewed by the Anthropology graduate faculty to determine a student's admissibility to the graduate program.

In order to qualify for a Master of Arts degree, the student must have completed a thesis and maintain a cumulative graduate GPA of 3.00. In addition, every student must successfully complete all core course requirements before being allowed to enroll for Colloquium and to submit the thesis prospectus.

A reading knowledge of an approved foreign language or computer literacy may be required if determined appropriate by the anthropology graduate faculty to a student's area of specialization.

A degree plan must be prepared for each student according to the guidelines set by the University for graduate studies. Faculty expertise, research interests and the breadth of courses offered will help the student to create a degree plan that can focus on areas of traditional relevance to anthropology, areas represented in the program or contemporary directions in anthropology. Research areas in the department include: Southwest Archaeology, Paleoindian Studies, Lithic Technology, Zooarchaeology, Spatial Analysis; Quantitative Methods, Plains Archaeology, Geoarchaeology, Historic Preservation and Cultural Resource Management.

Thesis Plan:**General Requirements:**

1. Required Graduate Anthropology courses:

ANTH 500	Anthropological Foundations of Archaeology.....	3 cr.	(F)
ANTH 501	Anthropological Research Foundations.....	3 cr.	(F)
ANTH 505	Basic Quantitative Methods in Anthropology.....	1 cr.	(F)
ANTH 506	Advanced Quantitative Methods in Anthropology.....	3 cr.	(S)
ANTH 550	Recent Developments in Archaeological Theory.....	3 cr.	(S)
ANTH 583	Graduate Field Research.....	3 cr.	(Su)
ANTH 597	Colloquium (thesis prospectus and colloquium).....	1 cr.	
ANTH 599	Master's Thesis (including defense).....	6 cr.	

Additional hours to total 36 must be selected in consultation with graduate advisor, from Area and Methods courses (see below). Both categories should be as equally represented as possible.

Method Courses

504, 507, 518, 520, 521, 522,
541, 542, 575, 585, 586

Area Courses

523, 532, 560
561, 562, 564

The following courses can count in either category; specifics determined at time of enrollment in consultation with and approval of graduate advisor: 510, 569, 579, 584, 593, 596.

2. Thesis prospectus and colloquium.
3. Thesis.
4. Thesis defense.