ANTHROPOLOGY - MASTER OF ARTS

The MA program in anthropology is designed for students who are interested in the traditional subdisciplines of anthropology and in selected areas of applied anthropology. The program is directed both toward students who intend to take a terminal MA degree and students who intend to enter a Ph.D. program.

A bachelor’s degree in anthropology is not required for entry into the program. Nevertheless, students who lack the equivalent of the following courses may be required to take these courses or corresponding sections of ANTH 502 Fundamentals of Anthropology:

- ANTH 301  Cultural Anthropology  3
- ANTH 315  Introduction to Archaeology  3
- ANTH 320  Anthropological Linguistics  3
- ANTH 355  Physical Anthropology  3

Program Requirements

Students selecting the thesis option must complete 33 hours of basic course work, as described below, plus 6 hours of thesis credit. Students selecting the non-thesis option must complete 39 hours of course work including an internship or special research project for 6 credits.

The 33 hours of basic course work for students selecting either the thesis or non-thesis options are distributed as follows:

**Required Course**
- ANTH 505  Issues in Anthropological Practice  3

**Core Theory Courses**
Select one of the following core theory courses in respective subfield:  
- ANTH 585  Method and Theory in Archaeology (for students in archaeology subfield)  3
- ANTH 513  Biological Anthropology (for students in biological subfield)  3
- ANTH 500  Seminar in Anthropological Theory (for students in cultural anthropology and anthropological linguistics subfields)  3

Select a core theory course in another subdiscipline.  3

**Additional Courses**
Select an additional topical/methodological/areal course in respective subfield:  3
Select an additional 21 credits, at least 15 of which must be in anthropology.  21

**Thesis or Non-Thesis Options**
Select one of the following:  6

- **Thesis**
  - ANTH 599  Master’s Thesis

- **Non-Thesis**
  - ANTH 597  Internship
  - or ANTH 598  Special Research Problems

**Archaeology Subfield Courses**
- ANTH 507  Advanced Studies in Archaeology  1-3
- ANTH 516  Advanced Archaeology of the American Southwest  3
- ANTH 517  Advanced Topics in Mesoamerican Archaeology  3
- ANTH 518  Advanced Historical Archaeology  3
- ANTH 519  Advanced Topics in Prehistoric Archaeology  3
- ANTH 526  Conquest and Colonialism  3
- ANTH 540  Cultural Resource Management  3
- ANTH 577  Advanced Zooarchaeology  3
- ANTH 578  Advanced Lab Methods in Archaeology  3

**Biological Anthropology Subfield Courses**
- ANTH 506  Advanced Studies in Physical Anthropology  1-3
- ANTH 531  Issues in Nutritional Anthropology  3
- ANTH 534  Advanced Human Evolution  3
- ANTH 537  Applied Medical Anthropology  3
- ANTH 572  Advanced Primate Behavior and Ecology  3
- ANTH 573  Advanced Primate Adaptation and Evolution  3
- ANTH 574  Advanced Human Osteology  3

**Cultural Anthropology and Anthropological Linguistics Subfields Courses**
- ANTH 455  Federal Indian Policy  3
- ANTH 504  Cultures of Africa  3
- ANTH 508  Advanced Studies in Cultural Anthropology  1-3
- ANTH 509  Advanced Studies in Anthropological Linguistics  1-3
- ANTH 515  Applied Anthropology  3
- ANTH 520  Ethnographic Field Methods  3
- ANTH 526  Conquest and Colonialism  3
- ANTH 531  Issues in Nutritional Anthropology  3
- ANTH 538  Plants, Culture, and Sustainable Development  3
- ANTH 539  Culture and Foodways  3

**Admission Requirements**

To be considered for admission to the MA program in anthropology, submit the following:

- Application form and fees
- Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- A letter from the candidate addressing his or her interests and graduate school objectives
- Letters of recommendation from three persons familiar with the candidate’s academic record
- A Curriculum Vita
• An undergraduate grade-point average of 3.0 or higher

Application materials are available on the Anthropology website http://anthropology.nmsu.edu.