

# ANTHROPOLOGY - MASTER OF ARTS

The MAP program encourages qualified undergraduate students to consider taking graduate-level courses in their junior or senior years. It is a dual credit program whereby eligible students can “double count” up to 9 graduate-level credits by applying them to their BA degree as well as to the graduate degree if they are later admitted to the MA in Anthropology or another Graduate degree program.

Students may not attempt more than 3 credits of graduate coursework in one semester. Students must earn a grade of B or higher to have graduate credits count under the MAP program. Graduate courses completed with a B- or lower are not eligible for MAP credit.

Students are not guaranteed admission to a graduate program by participating in the MAP program (it is a dual credit program, **not** a dual degree program). They still need to apply to the MA program in Anthropology or to their chosen NMSU graduate program and submit an application for admission if they wish to complete a Master of Arts, graduate minor, or graduate certificate in the Department of Anthropology. Students may be able to transfer graduate credits to programs at other universities, but the program directors and Graduate Schools of those universities will have their own rules and policies regarding transfer credit and may not accept graduate credits earned at NMSU.

Honors Credit Undergraduate students who obtain a grade of B or higher in graduate level classes can count their credits as Honors credits. Undergraduate students who earn a grade of B or higher in two 3-credit graduate classes will automatically graduate with an Honors Certificate.

## MAP Requirements

- Undergraduate students must be juniors or seniors and have completed 60 credit hours of coursework towards an undergraduate degree.
- If the student intends to apply for the MA in Anthropology, completion of the undergraduate core courses, ANTH 301 Cultural Anthropology, ANTH 315 Introduction to Archaeology, ANTH 355 Biological Anthropology, and ANTH 350 Anthropological Theory is strongly preferred.
- Preferred 3.5 GPA or above.
- Undergraduate students must have an assigned faculty advisor within the Department of Anthropology and must meet with their advisor at least once per semester before registration.
- Students must speak to their financial aid advisor before being approved for MAPS.
- Students accepted into the master’s accelerated program, must participate in the Online Developing New Scholars Program (DNSP), offered by the Graduate School. The purpose of DNSP is to create access for success in graduate education by providing formal mentoring.
- Students may not have previously earned a Bachelor’s Degree.
- Students have removed any Incomplete grades or holds at the time that they request admission to a graduate-level class.

## Additional Program Guidelines:

Faculty can invite eligible students to consider taking graduate-level coursework. Students can also ask faculty for permission to take a

graduate class. In all cases, students should speak with their advisors to make sure that the chosen classes are suitable for their planned program of study.

In most cases, the student should be enrolled in a total of only 15 credit hours per semester. Overloads of 18 or more credits are **not** advisable.

Registration in graduate classes must be approved by the course instructor and the student’s MAP faculty advisor, with notification and approval of the Anthropology Department Head and the NMSU Graduate School.

A student may withdraw their participation at any point from an approved Master’s Accelerated Program by informing, in writing, the respective department-head with a copy sent to the Dean of the Graduate School.

The student’s MAP form must be fully approved by the Department and NMSU Graduate School **before** the student may register for a graduate level course. In no instances can a graduate course ‘count’ towards the student’s graduate degree retroactively under MAPS.

## Accepted MAP Courses:

Upon approved enrollment to the Anthropology MAP Program, the following courses may be taken as electives in the undergraduate program of study. They count as graduate electives in topical, methodological, and area courses in the student’s graduate program of study. Additional course offerings may be approved for Anthropology MAP with permission of the Department Head and the student’s MAP advisor.

Prefix	Title	Credits
ANTH 515	Applied Anthropology	3
ANTH 516	Advanced Archaeology of the American Southwest	3
ANTH 520	Ethnographic Field Methods	3
ANTH 529	Advanced Evolutionary Medicine	3
ANTH 535	Adv. Human Health and Biological Variation	3
ANTH 540	Cultural Resource Management	3
ANTH 533	Advanced Issues in Sex, Gender, and Culture	3
ANTH 545	Advanced Museology	3

Please note that the graduate core classes ANTH 503 Anthropological Theory and ANTH 505 Issues in Anthropological Practice are **excluded** from the MAP eligible course list.

Individualized study courses such as ANTH 596 Readings, ANTH 597 Internship, ANTH 597 Internship, and ANTH 599 Master’s Thesis are **excluded** from the MAP eligible course list.