

ANTHROPOLOGY - MASTER OF ARTS

The Anthropology M.A. program is designed for students who are interested in the traditional sub-disciplines of anthropology, as well as such related fields as cultural resource management, food studies, medical anthropology, and museum studies. The program is directed to both students planning to complete a professional M.A. degree and students planning to enter a Ph.D. program. In addition to the M.A. in Anthropology, our program offers graduate minors in anthropology, archaeology, food studies, and Native American Studies, as well as Graduate Certificates in cultural resource management and museum studies. The faculty encourage all graduate students to develop graduate minors and certificates, enhancing their specialized training in anthropology.

An undergraduate anthropology degree is not required for entry into the M.A. program. Applicants who lack the equivalent of ANTH 301, ANTH 315, and ANTH 355 may be required to take these courses or corresponding sections of ANTH 502. ANTH 350 or the equivalent is recommended. Applicants without an undergraduate degree in anthropology are encouraged to contact the Graduate Advisor before applying to the M.A. program in anthropology.

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:

Prefix	Title	Credits
Core Graduate Courses ¹		6
ANTH 503	Anthropological Theory (Fall only)	
ANTH 505	Issues in Anthropological Practice (Spring only)	
Additional Courses		27
Select additional topical, methodological, and area courses in anthropology ¹		
Students may count six credits from any discipline outside of Anthropology toward the total 27 credits of additional courses		
Thesis or Non-Thesis Options		
Select either a Thesis or Non-Thesis Track:		6
<i>Thesis</i>		
ANTH 599	Master's Thesis	
<i>Non-Thesis</i>		
ANTH 597 or ANTH 598	Internship Special Research Problems	
Total Credits		39

¹ earning a grade of B or better