

ANTHROPOLOGY - MASTER OF ARTS

A Suggested Plan of Study

The Roadmap for the Master of Arts in Anthropology assumes each student will create a customized plan and selection of topical/methodological courses in consultation with their graduate faculty committee.

Non-Curricular Requirements and Expectations

Form graduate committee, consisting of two faculty members from the Department of Anthropology and one external faculty member outside the department.

Clarify your academic and professional goals and align curricular path with MA Anthropology to achieve program outcomes:

Program Outcomes:

1. Develop and execute a problem-oriented anthropological study using appropriate theoretical and methodological perspectives in at least one sub-field of anthropology. The study may focus on applied/practicing work or standard academic research, and will report the results in the form of a master's thesis, professional internship report, or professional research project report. The final thesis or report must show substantive data analysis by the student, directed toward an explicit anthropological research question.
2. Demonstrate effective written and verbal communication skills in professional settings.
3. Demonstrate professional engagement with peers, faculty, staff, researchers, and other professionals in anthropology.

Formulate topic with graduate committee chair for thesis or non-thesis internship/research project.

Discuss whether specific graduate minors or the graduate certificates in cultural resource management or museum studies will enhance career development. Discuss which Topical/Methodological courses will build your knowledge, skills, and abilities and best support your academic and professional development.

Engage with the Anthropology Graduate Student Organization and discuss opportunities for professional engagement with your committee. Look for opportunities to attend professional conferences, internships, or other professional workshops.

First Year

Fall	Credits
ANTH 503 Anthropological Theory	3
Choose two from the fall schedule of classes, must be numbered 500 and above.	6
Topical/Methodological Course ¹	
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Credits	9
Total Credits	9

Non-Curricular Requirements and Expectations

Students continue to work with faculty committee to develop a proposal for your thesis, internship, or special research project.

Finalize your choice of thesis/non-thesis option.

Proposal hearing by committee in May after completion of ANTH 505 Issues in Anthropological Practice, advancement to candidacy.

Approved NMSU IRB proposal for Human Subjects Research, as necessary.

Preparation of proposals for external funding and support.

Attendance of professional conferences and workshops, as recommended by committee.

Plan for summer fieldwork or internship experiences.

First Year

Spring	Credits
ANTH 505 Issues in Anthropological Practice	3
Choose two from the spring schedule of classes, must be numbered 500 and above:	6
Topical/Methodological Course ²	
Topical/Methodological Course ²	
Credits	9
Total Credits	9

Non-Curricular Requirements and Expectations

With the advice and approval of your graduate committee, begin data collection, laboratory work, or field work needed to advance your thesis or non-thesis research/internship/special research project.

Make revisions to project proposal as recommended by faculty committee chair in preparation for proposal hearing.

Students are expected to hold a proposal hearing in September of their second year at the latest.

First Year

Summer	Credits
Topical/Methodological Course or corresponding Thesis/Non-Thesis course ³	3-6
Credits	3-6
Total Credits	3-6

Non-Curricular Requirements and Expectations

Advancement to Candidacy:

For advancement to candidacy the following criteria must be met:

- Successful completion of ANTH 503 Anthropological Theory and ANTH 505 Issues in Anthropological Practice and completion of two semesters of graduate course requirements.
- Proposal Hearing

Finalize Program of Study with faculty committee with timeline to final oral examination (defense) and graduation

Discuss professional engagement opportunities and presentation of research at appropriate professional conference venues and workshops.

Second Year

Fall	Credits
Topical/Methodological Courses ⁴	3
Topical/Methodological courses ²	3

Choose one of the following:	3
ANTH 597 Internship	
ANTH 598 Special Research Problems	
ANTH 599 Master's Thesis	
Credits	9
Total Credits	9

Non-Curricular Requirements and Expectations

Consult your committee chair about final timeline to final oral examination and apply for degree.

Check all NMSU Graduate School deadlines.

Final Oral Examination (Defense)

Second Year

Spring	Credits
Topical/Methodological Course ⁴	3
Topical/Methodological Course ²	3
Choose one of the following:	3
ANTH 597 Internship	
ANTH 598 Special Research Problems	
ANTH 599 Master's Thesis	
Credits	9
Total Credits	9

¹ Choose from the schedule of courses in consultation with committee chair and graduate advisor. If you are pursuing a graduate certificate, choose one certificate core course.

² Choose from schedule of classes in consultation with committee chair and graduate advisor.

³ Field Work, Archival Work, Internship, Community Consultation: ANTH 522 Archaeological Field School, ANTH 597 Internship, ANTH 598 Special Research Problems.

⁴ Choose from the schedule of courses in consultation with committee chair.

If you are pursuing a graduate certificate or graduate minor choose controlled electives in ANTH or interdisciplinary fields to meet requirements.