

ANTHROPOLOGY

Anthropologists study the human species and our closest non-human relatives. We seek to understand the human condition in the past and present so that we can shape our future.

Undergraduate Program Information

Anthropology is the study of humankind, a multidisciplinary endeavor that crosses the usual divides between social sciences, natural sciences, and humanities. In order to tackle this complicated subject from different angles, the discipline of anthropology is often divided into different subfields, including:

- **Archaeology**, which uses the material evidence of archaeological sites and artifacts to reconstruct past societies and interpret their behaviors;
- **Biological anthropology**, which seeks to understand humankind from a biological perspective, including the study of human origins, primate relatives, and human biological diversity;
- **Cultural anthropology**, which describes and compares living human cultures in order to understand human cultural diversity;
- **Linguistic anthropology**, which studies different systems of human communication in order to understand how culture is shared and maintained; and
- **Medical anthropology**, which takes a holistic approach to understanding health, illness, disease, sickness, and healing.

The Department of Anthropology offers the following undergraduate degrees and minors. Click on each link to see a description of the major or minor program requirements.

Undergraduate students can earn a:

- Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/anthropology/anthropology-bachelor-arts/>)
- Bachelor of Arts degree in **Anthropology (Culture & Language)**, which includes a concentration in culture and language studies
- Minor(s) in Anthropology (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/anthropology/anthropology-undergraduate-minor/>), Archaeology (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/anthropology/archaeology-undergraduate-minor/>), **Medical Anthropology**, Religious Studies (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/anthropology/religious-studies-undergraduate-minor/>), and Sustainability (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/anthropology/sustainable-development-undergraduate-minor/>)

Please visit the Anthropology Catalog (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/course-listings/anth/>) for descriptions of all courses offered by the department.

Anthropology Master's Accelerated Program (MAP)

The Anthropology MAP Program permits qualified **undergraduate students** to earn a maximum of 9 credits of graduate-level coursework and have these **credits count both for the BA in Anthropology and the Master's degree in Anthropology**. The Anthropology MAP program is a dual credit program, not a dual degree program.

Students accepted to the Anthropology MAP Program may apply 9 credits of qualified elective courses towards the graduate MA degree in Anthropology or towards an interdisciplinary graduate minor or graduate certificate in Anthropology, Archaeology, Food Studies, the Graduate Certificate in Cultural Resource Management, or the Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies.

The NMSU Graduate School has established general rules and processes for all MAP programs at NMSU. They have been adapted to meet the particular requirements of the Department of Anthropology and the requirements of Anthropology's graduate programs. For details about the NMSU Graduate School MAPS program, please see Honors College: <https://honors.nmsu.edu/for-students/masters-accelerated-program-map.html>.

For questions about the Anthropology MAP Program, please contact the Department of Anthropology Home Page (nmsu.edu) (<https://anthropology.nmsu.edu/>).

Graduate Program Information

The Anthropology Master of Arts Program at NMSU provides students with the knowledge, skills, and practical experience they need to transform their interests into a rewarding career. Our program strengths include applied research, especially in the areas of cultural resource management, museum studies, environmental anthropology, food security, and health and wellness. We value our M.A. students, and work to develop strong advising and mentoring relationships. Many of our graduates go on to successful careers in the public or private sector, while some choose to pursue a Ph.D. after completing their master's degree at NMSU.

In addition to the Anthropology Master of Arts degree, our program also offers two Graduate Certificates and several graduate minors. Click on each of the links below to see descriptions of the program requirements.

Graduate students can earn a:

- Master of Arts in Anthropology (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/graduate-school/anthropology-master-arts/>)
 - An undergraduate anthropology degree is not required for admission; however, students who lack the equivalent of core undergraduate anthropology courses may be required to take them during their first year of the master's program.
- Graduate Certificates in Cultural Resource Management (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/graduate-school/cultural-resource-management-graduate-certificate/>) (CRM) and Museum Studies (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/graduate-school/museum-studies-graduate-certificate/>)
 - These graduate certificates are separate from the M.A. degree and require a separate application. Many of our M.A. students also earn graduate certificates.
- Graduate minors in Anthropology (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/graduate-school/anthropology-graduate-minor/>), Archaeology (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/graduate-school/archaeology-graduate-minor/>), and Food Studies (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/graduate-school/food-studies-graduate-minor/>)
 - Graduate minors are available to students earning their master's or Ph.D. degrees in other programs at NMSU.

Please visit the Anthropology Catalog (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/course-listings/anth/>) for descriptions of all of our anthropology courses.

If you have additional questions or would like to schedule a campus visit or virtual meeting, please contact the Department of Anthropology: Home Page (nmsu.edu) (<https://anthropology.nmsu.edu/>)