

Anthropology, MA

Academic Plans

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
30 s.h. must be graduate level coursework; graduate transfer credits allowed upon approval. More information is included in the General Catalog and on department website. ^{a, b, c, d}		
Students who are first-time teaching assistants must also complete ANTH:5001 Graduate Teaching Pro-Seminar.		
Hours		0
First Year		
Fall		
Establish Master's Committee ^e		
Seek Internal Review Board (IRB) Approval ^f		
ANTH:5101	Seminar Sociocultural Anthropology	3
Elective course ^g		3
Elective course ^g		3
Hours		9
Spring		
Master's Portfolio ^h		
ANTH:5201	Seminar: Archaeological Theory and Method	3
ANTH:5301	Seminar: Biological Anthropology	3
Elective course ^g		3
Hours		9
Second Year		
Fall		
Elective course ^g		3
Hours		3
Spring		
Master's Portfolio ⁱ		
Elective course ^g		3
Elective course ^g		3
Exam: Master's Final Exam ^j		
Hours		6
Total Hours		27

- c Students normally are admitted (whether with a master's or a bachelor's degree) under the assumption that they intend to pursue the PhD degree. The department also offers a terminal MA degree, with a focus on cultural resource management-archaeology (CRM).
- d Students must complete specific requirements in the University of Iowa Graduate College after program admission. Refer to the Graduate College website and the Manual of Rules and Regulations for more information.
- e Composed of three members of the anthropology graduate faculty, one of whom serves as the committee chair, and the student's faculty advisor.
- f Students who conduct research involving human subjects (e.g., ethnographic research in the summer months) are required to submit a detailed application about the scope of their study and data collection methods through the HawkIRB system for Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval.
- g In consultation with faculty advisor and committee members, students select a minimum of 21 s.h. of additional coursework to complete the remaining semester hours required for the MA; may include courses in other disciplines and up to 9 s.h. of directed study. Students who intend to earn a doctorate should consider taking a statistics course.
- h Compile, in consultation with faculty advisor, the three strongest papers written for anthropology courses, conferences, or journals; an annotated bibliography of 3 topical areas with 5 key annotated references in each; current curriculum vitae; and a three-page narrative to describe intellectual trajectory in the MA program to date.
- i Compile, in consultation with faculty advisor, the three strongest papers written for anthropology courses, conferences, or journals; an annotated bibliography of 3-4 topical areas with 6-10 key references in each; current curriculum vitae; and a three-page narrative to describe intellectual trajectory in the MA program to date.
- j Discuss committee and format with faculty advisor and graduate program coordinator.

a A maximum of 9 s.h. of coursework outside anthropology may count towards the degree requirements.
 b Some students may complete up to 36 s.h. of graduate coursework for the degree, depending on their previous anthropological training. Students should consult with their faculty advisor to determine if this is necessary and, if so, which coursework is appropriate.