

Anthropology, MA

Admission

Applicants for admission to the graduate program in anthropology are considered regardless of their previous field of training. Students without previous training in anthropology are expected to perform additional work as necessary to achieve the competence expected for their degree objective.

Students normally are admitted under the assumption that they intend to pursue the PhD, with the exception of students entering into the MA program with the cultural research management–archaeology subprogram. Students without an MA in anthropology devote the first two years to fulfilling the MA requirements. After those requirements are completed, the student's committee may award the MA with admittance to the PhD program.

Students with an MA in anthropology from another institution may proceed directly into a PhD program organized around their special research interests. If they lack any of the requirements of the graduate program at the University of Iowa, they are informed of those requirements when admitted. Acceptance of credit hours from other institutions will follow UI regulations.

Applicants for admission to the graduate program must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College; see the Manual of Rules and Regulations on the Graduate College website.

Anthropology graduate program applicants are required to upload the following documentation to the University of Iowa Graduate Admissions online application:

- official academic records/transcripts from previous institutions attended;
- a brief statement of interest or intent regarding why graduate study in the Department of Anthropology is desired;
- three letters of recommendation;
- a writing sample (preferably a research paper); and
- an application for graduate funding.

For more information concerning the required application elements, see Graduate Admissions Process on the Department of Anthropology website.

When completing the online Graduate College Application for Admission for Degree, applicants should enter MA or PhD based on their final degree objective. Students at the MA level do not write a thesis, so "MA (thesis)" is not an option. For questions about which degree option to choose, contact the Department of Anthropology.