

Anthropology, MA

Requirements

The Master of Arts program in anthropology requires 30–36 s.h. of graduate credit, depending on a student's previous anthropological training. Students may count a maximum of 9 s.h. earned in courses outside of anthropology toward the MA in anthropology. It is expected that a full-time student will complete all MA requirements by the end of the second year in the program. Students must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.00.

Master's degree students who choose to focus on cultural resource management—archaeology normally do not go on to earn a PhD in anthropology.

By the end of their first semester, each student must select an MA committee, consisting of an advisor and two additional professors. Each year, students compile, in consultation with their advisor, the three strongest papers written for anthropology courses, conferences, or journals; an annotated bibliography; their current curriculum vitae; and a three-page narrative to describe their intellectual trajectory in the MA program to date.

Master's degree students who intend to earn a doctorate should consider taking a statistics course during their MA study.

General Coursework

MA students not pursuing the cultural resource management—archaeology focus must complete core seminars in all three subfields (total of 9 s.h.).

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
ANTH:5101	Seminar Sociocultural Anthropology	3
ANTH:5201	Seminar: Archaeological Theory and Method	3
ANTH:5301	Seminar: Biological Anthropology	3

Electives

In consultation with the advisor and committee members, a student selects a minimum of 21 s.h. of additional coursework to complete the remaining semester hours required for the MA. Elective work may include courses in other disciplines, directed study, and up to 6 s.h. of MA thesis credit for students who choose the thesis option.

Cultural Resource Management—Archaeology Focus

Most archaeological excavations and surveys are conducted as cultural resource management (CRM), so it is essential that all researchers who work with archaeological data and individuals committed to site preservation have a basic understanding of CRM. Students who select this focus area learn about the field and how to address related ethical issues as well as technical and theoretical challenges.

Students must complete the archaeological core graduate seminar. They must also complete a research paper, which is an archaeological study with a substantive data analysis

directed toward an explicit archaeological research problem, suitable to meet the section three requirement for the Registry of Professional Archaeologists application form.

The cultural resource management—archaeology focus requires a total of 30 s.h., including 24 s.h. of coursework and 6 s.h. of independent research or thesis credit.

Required Coursework

Course #	Title	Hours
Both of these:		
ANTH:3240	Cultural Resources Management Archaeology: Practice and Practicalities	3
ANTH:5201	Seminar: Archaeological Theory and Method	3

Area Electives

Course #	Title	Hours
Two of these:		
ANTH:3243	Archaeology of the American Midcontinent	3
ANTH:3257	North American Archaeology	3
ANTH:3260	Pleistocene Peopling of the Americas	3
ANTH:3265	Archaeology of the Great Plains	3

Technical Electives

Course #	Title	Hours
Four of these:		
ANTH:3207	Animal Bones in Archaeology	3
ANTH:3237	Politics of the Archaeological Past	3
ANTH:3255	Introduction to Archaeological Ceramics	3
ANTH:3295	Field Research in Archaeology	3
ANTH:3305	Human Osteology	3

Independent Research or Thesis

Course #	Title	Hours
6 s.h. from these:		
ANTH:6005	Independent Study: Anthropology	arr.
ANTH:6010	Research: Anthropology	arr.
ANTH:6015	Thesis	arr.