

Anthropology, MA

Graduate study in anthropology is open to individuals with varied undergraduate majors and training backgrounds.

Graduate students normally are admitted under the assumption that they intend to pursue the PhD. The department also offers a terminal MA, with a focus on cultural resource management (CRM) in archaeology, which provides academic preparation for a professional career in that field.

PhD students who enter the program with a bachelor's degree are typically awarded a master's degree upon fulfilling program requirements at the end of their second year. The MA portion of the PhD program features coursework across all subfields of anthropology. Students are also strongly encouraged to conduct independent summer research, which is often supported by departmental and other university-based funding sources.

For additional information, view the Graduate Programs website and the current Graduate Student Guidebook on the Department of Anthropology website.

Learning Outcomes

Disciplinary Expertise

Graduate students will gain an in-depth understanding of anthropology and the discipline's contributions to our understanding of people and culture, in the past and present.

Skills for Independent Research

Graduate students will acquire professional and ethical research, reasoning, methodological, and management skills to identify important research problems. They will also learn how to design and execute a project, productively engage with feedback, and successfully report (via writing and presentations) the results of their independent research to diverse sets of audiences.

Teaching Contributions

Graduate students will learn how to communicate anthropological concepts and theories effectively and ethically to different audiences.

Disciplinary, Academic, and Community Contributions

Graduate students will develop service, mentoring, and leadership skills that enable them to advance and support professional, management, academic, and community needs.