

Anthropology, PhD

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		
72 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}		
Students may elect to pursue an optional concentration in feminist anthropology; work with faculty advisor to determine appropriate coursework and sequence.		
Students who are first-time teaching assistants must also complete ANTH:5001 Graduate Teaching Pro-Seminar Graduate Teaching Pro-Seminar.		
Hours		0
First Year		
Fall		
Seek Internal Review Board (IRB) Approval ^c		
Required Theory course ^d		3
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		9
Spring		
Language Competency Requirement ^f		
ANTH:5110	Anthropological Data Analysis	3
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		9
Second Year		
Fall		
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		9
Spring		
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		9
Third Year		
Fall		
Exam: Doctoral Comprehensive Exam ^g		
ANTH:7110	Research Design and Writing ^h	3
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		9

Spring

Dissertation Prospectus ⁱ		
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		9

Fourth Year

Fall

ANTH:6015	Thesis	9
Hours		9

Spring

ANTH:7501	Dissertation Writing Seminar	1
ANTH:6015	Thesis	8
Exam: Doctoral Final Exam ^j		
Hours		9
Total Hours		72

- a A maximum of 18 s.h. of coursework outside anthropology (this includes and is not in addition to the 9 s.h. allowed at the MA level) may count towards the degree requirements; beyond the MA degree, no more than 9 additional semester hours of ANTH:6005 may count towards the PhD degree.
- b 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.
- c 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.
- d Sociocultural Anthropology option: ANTH:5101; Archaeology options: ANTH:3237, ANTH:5201; Biological Anthropology options: ANTH:3308, ANTH:4315, ANTH:5301.
- e Electives may include courses in other relevant study, a maximum of 18 s.h. of directed study, and dissertation credit. Work with faculty advisor to determine appropriate graduate level elective coursework and sequence.
- f Students should consult with their advisor and committee and determine both existing and needed language competencies. A record of the status of, expected training in, and decisions (including waivers) related to language competency must be included in the student's file by the time of candidacy. The Language Competency Report can be found on the department website.
- g The student will prepare two comprehensive essays: one in the geographical area of specialization and the other in the primary topical area of specialization. In some subfields and for some projects, a geographical area may not be relevant, and the student will focus on two topical areas. Each paper will address a question posed by the committee in consultation with the student.
- h Typically this course is offered in fall semesters only. Check MyUI for course availability since offerings are subject to change.
- i The dissertation prospectus should present a research question that contributes to ongoing discussions in anthropological scholarship, explain the background and significance of the question, and describe the methods that the student plans to use to answer it. The student publicly defends their prospectus before their PhD committee by the end of the final exam period of that semester.

j Dissertation defense.