

# ANTHROPOLOGY

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The Anthropology Master of Arts program prepares graduates for a variety of professional positions and entrance into doctoral programs. The department's approach combines a strong anthropological perspective, an active faculty, a vigorous research and contract program, flexibility, and many opportunities to obtain hands-on experience. The department has one of the largest and most active terrestrial and maritime archaeology programs and facilities in the Southeast. There is continuous on-going student-focused research and contracts in prehistoric, historic, coastal, and interior archaeological sites that include graduate students at all levels of responsibility. The Cultural Anthropology program is dynamic and includes ethnographic research in Ireland and the study of myth, religion, rape, and disease. The growing Biological Anthropology program includes osteoarchaeology, forensics, and primatology.

Financial assistance includes many research assistantships in terrestrial and maritime archaeology through the Archaeology Institute, grants and contracts, internships, and the Marcus Fellowship for thesis completion.

This program offers the Thesis and Internship options. Both options require 30 semester hours of graduate course work and a minimum of 3 hours of thesis or internship. Students in both options must complete all common core courses, but the remainder of their course work can be structured according to their interests with the approval of their advisor or committee. Students must take the four common core courses. Up to six semester hours can be taken outside Anthropology.

Advancement to Candidacy: At the completion of course work and the research tool, students must complete a thesis or internship.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

General university requirements for admission to graduate programs are described in the Graduate Admissions section. Graduate departments are currently developing departmental admission guidelines to govern admission to their specific disciplines. Refer to individual departments for more details regarding acceptable graduate admissions test, minimum score requirements, etc. In addition to the general university requirements this department requires the applicant to submit or possess the following credentials:

- Either a Bachelor of Arts or Sciences degree in Anthropology with grades of "B" or higher in the core and theory courses
- A formal letter of background, study interests, and professional goals

- An example of writing ability (term paper, conference paper, published paper, etc.)
- Three letters of academic recommendation

The members of the department will not review the application until it is complete. Applications are accepted for each semester using the deadlines established for graduate admission. Students who meet most, but not all, admission requirements may be admitted on a conditional basis. All conditional requirements must be met within one year of admission.

The Anthropology graduate program emphasizes multidisciplinary and collaborative study and research. Admission exceptions can be made for promising students with prior degrees in different fields. Incoming students without a degree in Anthropology can become eligible for admission with the completion of upper division undergraduate level core courses in anthropology with a grade of "B" or higher. The core courses must include cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, archaeology, and theory.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

All work toward the master's degree, including thesis or internship, must be completed within four years from the semester of the first graduate course taken.

All admitted students are assigned a graduate advisor upon admission to the program. All course work must be approved in writing each semester by this advisor and filed with the department chair prior to registration for courses. At the end of the third semester of courses, graduate students must select the Thesis or Internship option and form a Thesis Committee consisting of three faculty members, and the chair must have a doctoral degree in Anthropology. One committee member may be from outside the department, and a fourth member may be added from another university or college with permission of the committee and department chairs. Up to six semester hours of electives can be taken outside Anthropology.

Continuation of graduate students in the program is dependent on the following:

- A. Maintenance of a 3.0 or higher GPA
- B. Achieving no less than a C in any course
- C. A grade lower than a B- will not satisfy program requirements

All students must complete all 5 required core courses, an additional course in each subfield, a research tool if necessary, and three electives that are approved by their advisor or Thesis Committee.

Research Tool: Students must demonstrate proficiency with a research tool (completion of an analytical course, a second semester in a foreign language, or passing a proficiency course) appropriate for the student's program. The research tool requirement can be met prior to entering the program if previous course work satisfies their graduate advisor.

**Program Capstone:**

Thesis Option graduate students must prepare a formal Thesis Proposal for their Committee approval. When successfully completed, the graduate student will be allowed to begin their thesis. Theses must be approved by the Thesis Committee and successfully defended by the candidate in an open defense.

The Internship Option requires taking and passing a comprehensive exam. The exam will be offered at the end of the Fall and Spring semesters. It will cover the three subfields of Anthropology (Archaeology, Biological Anthropology, and Cultural Anthropology) with special emphasis on the student's interest area. If the graduate student fails to pass all or part of the exam, the student may retake the entire exam one time only at the next exam offering. Internship Option candidates write a detailed report of their Internship that must be approved by their Internship Committee and make a presentation to the department.

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This specialization offers the Thesis and Internship options. Both options require 30 semester hours of graduate course work, 6 hours of thesis or internship, and a research tool. Students in both options must complete all common core courses, but the remainder of their course work can be structured according to their interests with the approval of their advisor or committee.

Students must take the four common core courses and demonstrate proficiency with a research tool (completion of an analytical course, a second semester in a foreign language, or passing a proficiency course) appropriate for the student's program. The research tool requirement can be met prior to entering the program if previous course work satisfies the graduate committee. Up to six semester hours can be taken outside Anthropology.

**Advancement to Candidacy:** At the completion of course work and the research tool, students must complete one of the following:

Thesis Option graduate students must prepare a thesis proposal for Committee approval. When successfully completed, the graduate student will be advanced to Candidate standing. Theses must be approved by the Thesis Committee and successfully defended by the candidate in an open defense.

Internship Option graduate students must take the comprehensive exam. The comprehensive exam will be offered at the end of the Fall and Spring semesters. It will cover the three subfields of Anthropology (Archaeology, Biological Anthropology, and Cultural Anthropology) with special emphasis on the student's interest area. If the graduate student fails to pass all, or part of the exam, the student may retake the entire exam one time only at the next exam offering. Internship Option candidates write a detailed report that must be approved by their Internship Committee and make a presentation to the department.

**FOUNDATIONAL PROFICIENCIES**

A baccalaureate degree in Anthropology is preferred, but completion of upper division undergraduate level core

courses in Anthropology with a grade of "B" or higher is acceptable. The core courses must include Cultural Anthropology, Biological Anthropology, Archaeology, and Theory.

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS****Anthropology Core (12 sh)**

ANG 6115	Advanced Method and Theory in Archaeology Seminar.....	3
ANG 6300	Contemporary Cultural Anthropology Theory.....	3
ANG 6583	Evolutionary Theory in Biological Anthropology.....	3
ANG 6931	Proseminar in Anthropology.....	3

**Electives (18 sh)**

18 semester hours of elective courses, at the 5000 level or higher, will be structured according to student interests with the approval of their Graduate Advisor or Thesis/Internship Committee..... 18

**Research Option (6 sh)**

*Choose one option:*

Thesis Option:

ANG 6971	Anthropology Thesis.....	6
	Course offered 1-6 sh per semester	

Internship Option:

ANG 6940	Anthropology Internship.....	6
	Course offered 1-6 sh per semester	

Internship option includes Comprehensive Exams at the end of the last semester of course work.

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## HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

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The Historical Archaeology Specialization in the Anthropology Master's Program is designed for students with a strong interest in the archaeology of the post-Columbus period and the combined use of documents and archaeology. The program consists of 36 semester hours and it is designed for students with a baccalaureate degree in Anthropology or History who want to pursue a professional career in either terrestrial or maritime Historical Archaeology or continue to a doctoral program.

The degree will qualify the graduate for entry level professional positions in cultural resource management in private business or government agencies at the national, state, and local level. The degree also qualifies graduates for professional positions in some aspects of public archaeology, historic preservation, and university research institutions and centers.

**FOUNDATIONAL PROFICIENCIES**

Anthropology Prerequisites

ANT 2511/L	Biological Anthropology/Lab.....	4
ANT 3101	Principles of Archaeology.....	3
ANT 3212	Peoples and Cultures of the World.....	3
ANT 4121, ANT 4824, or ANT 4835	Archaeological Field Methods.....	9
	Course offered 1-9 sh per semester	

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS****Historical Archaeology Courses (15 sh)**

ANG 5172	Historical Archaeology Seminar.....	3
ANG 5173	Historical Research Methods.....	3

ANG 6115	Advanced Method & Theory in Archaeology Seminar.....	3
ANG 6196	Policies, Practices & Archaeology in Historic Preservation.....	3
ANG 6824	Advanced Archaeological Field Methods.....	3

**History Courses (12 sh)**

5000/6000 level advisor or committee approved History  
Courses..... 12

**Electives (6 sh)**

5000/6000 level advisor or committee approved  
Anthropology, History, or area of research-related courses ..... 6

**Research Option (3+ sh)**

*Choose one option:*

**Thesis Option:**

ANG 6971 Anthropology Thesis ..... 3+

**Internship Option:**

ANG 6940 Anthropology Internship ..... 3+

Internship option includes Comprehensive Exams at the end of  
the last semester of course work.