

MASTER OF ARTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Mission Statement

The Department of Anthropology seeks to provide students with a broad knowledge base in the discipline of anthropology with specializations in Archaeology (terrestrial and maritime), Biological Anthropology, and Cultural Anthropology. The Masters degree is the degree of choice for many professionals in Anthropology, as it is the requirement for professional positions in government and private firms. By providing hands-on research opportunities, instilling writing and critical thinking skills, we strive to prepare students for successful working careers or doctoral programs

Student Learning Outcomes

UWF Anthropology/Archaeology graduates with MA degree should be able to do the following:

Content

- Analyze and critique classic and current literature in anthropological theory, archaeology, biological anthropology, and cultural anthropology.
- Reach a professional level of competence in one subfield (e.g. Archaeology (terrestrial or maritime), Biological Anthropology, or Cultural Anthropology) by successfully completing a series of topical courses.
- Select and prepare for a professional career in a subfield of anthropology

Critical Thinking

- Define and identify suitable anthropological research problems for a thesis project
- Generate relevant goals and objectives for a research project
- Select and apply appropriate methods for a research project
- Employ appropriate analytical tools for a research project
- Compose, articulate, and defend reasonable conclusions based on analysis of empirical evidence and the professional literature
- Critically analyze anthropological writings, research, and data

Communication

- Effectively communicate both orally and in writing through research papers, reports, presentations, and proposals.

Integrity/Values

- Distinguish ethical components in complex situations
- Analyze complex ethical situations and design appropriate solutions.
- Articulate the ethical responsibilities of anthropologists to society
- Practice professional ethical standards

Project Management

- Design and execute projects reasonably with given time constraints
- Design and employ problem solving skills

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

The department uses a variety of direct and indirect measures of learning for the plan. Indirect measures include satisfaction surveys of current students, graduates, alumni and faculty. Direct measures involve successful completion of core courses and requirements including completion of a thesis option or an internship option.

Job Prospects for Masters of Anthropology

Archaeology	Ethnography/Cultural Anthropology
Cultural Resource Management (CRM)	Evaluation/Assessment
Historic Preservation	Health (international/public health)
Museum/Curation/Project Design	Environment and Natural Resources
Community Development	Business
Advocacy (human rights/social justice)	Tourism/Heritage
Human/Social Services	Healthcare
Computers/Software	Management/Services/Delivery
Development/Information	Management Consulting/Organizational
Technology	Development/Training
Design (products and/or services)	Social Impact Assessment
International Development/Affairs	Market Research
Forensics	Law/Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement
Mass Communication	Humanitarian Efforts

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