

# MA IN ANTHROPOLOGY

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Changes proposed by: Jacob Fisher (213340648)

### Academic Group: (College)

Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies

### Academic Organization: (Department)

Anthropology

### Catalog Year Effective:

2022-2023 Catalog

**Individual(s) primarily responsible for drafting the proposed degree major program:**

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**Type of Program Proposal:**

Major

**Program Change Type:**

Non-Substantive

**Title of the Program:**

MA in Anthropology

**Designation: (degree terminology)**

Master of Arts

**Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification:**

Three non-substantive changes are proposed to the catalog for the graduate program in anthropology to make change to admission procedures and to accommodate a proposed graduate seminar.

First, the current catalog states one admission requirement as "a minimum 3.0 GPA for the last 60 units attempted." We propose changing this language to "a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for all undergraduate coursework". This proposed change will assist Office of Graduate Studies in processing applications.

Second, we propose removing spring admissions. This proposed change is a consequence of a low number of applications received, and to ease the burden of scheduling and advising students admitted for both fall and spring cycles.

The third proposed change added ANTH 254 (Primate Behavioral Ecology) to the list of courses that will count as an elective graduate seminar.

**Objectives of the degree program:**

The Master of Arts program in Anthropology is designed for students who plan to continue their graduate studies in Anthropology at the Ph.D. level as well as for students who plan to pursue any of the numerous opportunities for graduate anthropologists, such as in private research, cultural resource management, private foundations, Foreign Service, education, and government.

**University Learning Goals****Graduate (Masters) Learning Goals:**

Critical thinking/analysis  
 Communication  
 Information literacy  
 Disciplinary knowledge  
 Intercultural/Global perspectives  
 Professionalism

**Will this program be required as part of a teaching credential program, a single subject, or multiple subject waiver program (e.g., Liberal Studies, Biology) or other school personnel preparation program (e.g., School of Nursing)?**

No

**Catalog Description:****Total units required for MA: 30****Program Description**

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The program provides general graduate-level training in four interrelated fields: sociocultural anthropology, archaeology, biological anthropology, and linguistic anthropology. Beyond this foundation, each student designs a plan of coursework specific to their post-graduate goals in one of the four subfields. Students are then expected to demonstrate mastery of their subfield by preparing a thesis of original scholarly research.

Students may develop their special interests through individual arrangements with their faculty advisors, or they may take advantage of opportunities for special training in such areas of Applied Anthropology as cultural resource management, museology, Anthropology in education, and medical Anthropology through participation in ongoing informal programs which may include special field work or intern placement with local agencies. Prospective students should visit the department website or contact the Graduate Coordinator for updated information on special opportunities.

**Admission Requirements: Course prerequisites and other criteria for admission of students to the degree major program, and for their continuation in it.**

## Admission Requirements

Admission to classified graduate standing in Anthropology requires:

- a baccalaureate degree;
- a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA for all undergraduate coursework.

Applicants lacking an undergraduate degree in anthropology may be conditionally accepted upon satisfactorily completing a set of prerequisite upper-division coursework based on the applicant's interests and goals in anthropology.

## Admission Procedures

To apply, applicants must complete a university application and a separate departmental application by the posted application deadline dates. Please submit the following to the Sacramento State Office of Graduate Studies:

- an online application for admission via CalState Apply;
- one set of official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, *other than Sacramento State*. Physical transcripts can be addressed to or dropped off at:

Office of Graduate Studies  
California State University, Sacramento  
River Front Center 215, MS 6112  
6000 J Street  
Sacramento, CA 95819-6112

For electronic transcripts submissions systems that allow for you to enter an e-mail address, please use the following e-mail address: Grad\_Admissions@csus.edu. It is the responsibility of the applicant to enter the correct e-mail address and to confirm that the Office of Graduate Studies has received their transcript(s).

- official Graduate Record Exam (GRE) official scores. The CSUS Institution code is 4671.

*For more admissions information and application deadlines, please visit <http://www.csus.edu/gradstudies/>.*

At the same time, each applicant must file online with the Anthropology Department:

- a completed Supplemental Application Form
- In no more than two pages, provide a statement of interest that includes a brief autobiographical sketch, a statement of your research goals in anthropology, how and why the Anthropology program at Sacramento State can help you achieve your goals (including specific potential faculty mentors), and any other information that may help distinguish you from other applicants.
- two signed letters of recommendation on official letterhead from individuals who can assess the applicant's potential for graduate study

Each applicant may also submit a CV or resume that reflects relevant professional experience.

For more information regarding the department supplemental application, please visit <https://www.csus.edu/anth/>

## Minimum Units and Grade Requirement for the Degree

Units required for the MA: 30

Minimum Cumulative GPA: 3.0

## Advancement to Candidacy

Each student must file an application for Advancement to Candidacy indicating a proposed program of graduate study. This procedure may begin as soon as the classified graduate student has:

- removed any deficiencies in admission requirements;
- completed at least 12 units of 200-level Anthropology courses with a minimum 3.0 GPA;
- completed an approved draft of the thesis research proposal; and
- successfully passed a preliminary exam in their area of study
- completed a Graduate Writing Intensive (GWI) course in their discipline (ANTH 202, ANTH 203, ANTH 205, or ANTH 207) with a grade of "B" or better within the first two semesters of coursework at California State University, Sacramento.





Students should contact the Graduate Coordinator for current deadlines.

Note: Students may not enroll in ANTH 500 until Advanced to Candidacy, successful completion of thesis research proposal, and chair permission of his/her thesis committee. Advancement to Candidacy forms are available on the Office of Graduate Studies website. The student fills out the form after planning a program of study in consultation with his/her Anthropology faculty advisors. The completed form is then returned to the Office of Graduate Studies for approval.

As defined by policy <http://www.csus.edu/umannual/acadaff/fsm00010.htm>, a change in units constitutes a substantive change to the program. If your changes constitute a substantive change, please refer back to the "Program Change Type" field above to ensure that "Substantive" is selected.

**Program Requirements: (If new courses are being created as part of a new program, it will be useful to propose courses first.)**

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
<b>Core Seminars (6 Units) <sup>1</sup></b>		
Select the seminar below in your area of study plus one additional core seminar:		6
ANTH 202	Biological Anthropology Seminar 	
ANTH 203	Archaeology 	
ANTH 205	Ethnology 	
ANTH 207	Language and Culture 	
<b>Elective Graduate Seminars (9 Units)</b>		
Select three of the following graduate seminars or additional core seminars listed above (with thesis advisor approval): <sup>2,3</sup>		9
ANTH 200	General Methods in Anthropology	
ANTH 201	Anthropological Theory	
ANTH 204	Current Problems in Archaeological Method and Theory	
ANTH 210	Research Design in Anthropology Seminar	
ANTH 222	Bioarchaeology Seminar	
ANTH 223	Areal Archaeology	
ANTH 254	Course ANTH 254 Not Found	
ANTH 258	Human Skeletal Analysis	
ANTH 274	Environmental Anthropology	
ANTH 276	Museum Anthropology	
<b>Elective Graduate Course (3 Units)</b>		
Select any additional 200-level course or seminar with the exception of ANTH 278, ANTH 292, ANTH 295, and ANTH 299. <sup>3</sup>		3
<b>General Electives (9 Units)</b>		
Select any three elective graduate courses listed above or any upper division courses from the Anthropology major or a related discipline with approval from thesis advisor. <sup>3</sup>		9
<b>Culminating Requirement (3 Units)</b>		
ANTH 500	Master's Thesis <sup>4</sup>	3
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>30</b>

- <sup>1</sup> Grade "B-" or better required in each course listed to count towards the core seminar requirement. Grade "B" or better required in one core seminar to count towards the Graduate Writing Intensive (GWI) requirement.
- <sup>2</sup> ANTH 200, 201, 204, and 223 may be repeated under different instructor or topic.
- <sup>3</sup> Specific electives must be approved in advance by the student's Thesis Committee. For paired undergraduate-graduate lecture courses, graduate students must enroll at the 200-level. Graduate students who completed the 100-level paired course as an undergraduate may not retake the same course at the 200-level. No more than six semester units of paired coursework may count towards the degree. No more than six semester units of approved course credit from another department may be accepted towards general electives. No more than 3 units of ANTH 278 or ANTH 299 may be applied to the MA. ANTH 278 and ANTH 299 courses that have passed the seven-year University limit may not be applied to the MA.
- <sup>4</sup> Students may not enroll in ANTH 500 until Advancement to Candidacy, successful completion of the thesis research proposal, and chair permission of his/her thesis committee. Students who do not finish their thesis within the semester of enrollment in ANTH 500 must enroll in ANTH 599 for up to three consecutive semesters to sustain their graduate standing. Students must re-enroll in ANTH 500 if they do not complete the thesis within four semesters.

### For graduate programs, the number of declared undergraduate major and the degree production over the preceding years of the corresponding baccalaureate program:

The Anthropology baccalaureate program currently has 233 active majors as of Fall 2018. In the three preceding academic years, 44 degrees were awarded in 2017-18, 40 degrees in 2016-17, and 44 degrees in 2015-16.

### Fiscal Impact to Change an Existing Program

Indicate programmatic or fiscal impact which this change will have on other academic units' programs, and describe the consultation that has occurred with affected units:

None

Provide a fiscal analysis of the proposed changes:

N/A

How will the above changes be accommodated within the department/College existing fiscal resources?

N/A

**Will the proposed changes require additional resources?**

No

**What additional space, equipment, operating expenses, library, computer, or media resources, clerical/technical support, or other resources will be needed?**

N/A

**Estimate the cost and indicate how these resource needs will be accommodated:**

N/A

**Reviewer Comments:**

David Zeanah (zeanah) (Wed, 06 Oct 2021 03:14:51 GMT): Rollback: Anth 254

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