

MA IN ANTHROPOLOGY



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Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies

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Anthropology

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Type of Program Proposal:

Major

Program Change Type:

Non-Substantive

Delivery Format:

Fully Face to Face

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:

The anthropology graduate program is now requiring 9 credits (instead of 6) of core courses, and 6 credits (instead of 9) of 'breadth' courses. The overall number of credits will remain the same. This change will ensure students have both substantial grounding and breadth in anthropology, and will prepare them for a range of careers after the master's program. We have also renamed catalog header categories to reduce student confusion over multiple 'elective' categories. Additionally, the graduate program is no longer requiring the GRE as part of the admission process. Other revisions to the admission procedures reflect the use of CalState apply and Quad IV. The changes to the transcript submission are now aligned with the university's change to accepting unofficial transcripts until the student is admitted.

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

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

Program Learning Outcomes**Program Learning Outcomes****Learning Outcome**

Goal 1 (Disciplinary Knowledge): Students should gain currency in the scholarly literature related to the historical development of, and contemporary perspectives on, the issues, theories, and models critical to one or more anthropological sub-disciplines (i.e., archaeological, biological, cultural, or linguistic anthropology).

Outcomes

- Ability to assess earlier research and perspectives in contemporary terms.
- Demonstrate how anthropological scholarship contributes to, and in turn is influenced by, theories from other disciplines.
- Ability to evaluate new and existing information on the basis of current global, social, and/or evolutionary models to formulate original research of new significance.

Goal 2 (Communication): Students should develop skills to compile, analyze, and present complex information/data in defensible fashion expected of professionals in one or more anthropological sub-disciplines.

Outcomes

- Ability to present complex arguments for proposed research.
- Ability to prepare results for presentation in various academic, other professional, and public venues in both written and oral formats.
- Ability to identify and cite appropriate scholarly sources.
- Ability to write in a clear, organized, and grammatically correct manner.

Goal 3 (Critical Thinking/Analysis): Students should be able to critically assess and evaluate the quality of the arguments, issues, or ideas presented in current and past anthropological debates, and contribute to the discipline by conducting original research in one or more anthropological sub-disciplines.

Outcomes

- Ability to critically evaluate issues through an anthropological lens and articulate the ways in which nature, culture, and society intersect and inform the human experience.
- Ability to engage in and synthesize ongoing debates and discussions in the field through the development of strong analytically skills and arguments.
- Ability to compile and analyze original data relevant to an identified research question.

Goal 4 (Information Literacy): Students should be able to obtain, assess, synthesize, and analyze information from a myriad of scholarly resources, including raw qualitative and quantitative data sources, archival documents, gray literature, and refereed publications.

Outcomes

- Ability to identify pertinent issues and data/information needs to develop a proposal for original research.
- Ability to complete literature review, including the use of published research, grey literature, and raw quantitative and qualitative data.

Goal 5 (Professionalism): Students should have an understanding of professional integrity within the discipline, including ethical and legal dimensions of conducting anthropological research.

Outcomes

- Ability to navigate through ethical and legal elements of their research, as dictated by subdisciplinary needs.
- Ability to navigate through approval processes for research on human subjects, archaeological collections, and ethical treatment of animals, as dictated by research methodologies.
- Ability to comply with responsible code of research, including the ethical use and misuse of data, data sharing, acknowledgement of intellectual property, and plagiarism.

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

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.

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 unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended in the U.S. including transcripts from ALL community colleges attended and colleges where credit was earned as a high school student.
- Applicants with foreign documents are required to submit one set of official, evaluated transcripts from all colleges and universities attended outside of the U.S. More information regarding approved third-party evaluation agencies can be found here (<https://www.csus.edu/graduate-studies/future-students/applicants-with-foreign-documents.html>). Please have the evaluation agency send electronic copies of the evaluated transcripts to gradtranscripts@csus.edu or have physical copies sent to the address below.

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

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).

If students are offered admission to their degree program, they will be required to submit one (1) OFFICIAL transcript from ALL colleges and universities attended, in university sealed envelopes or through the university's e-transcript service, directly to the Office of Graduate Studies.

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

At the same time, each applicant must submit an Anthropology Department supplemental application form through CalState Apply that includes:

- a completed Supplemental Application Form
- a 1-2 page statement of interest that provides 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/manual/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
Core Seminars ¹		9
Select the seminar below in your area of study plus two additional core seminars:		
ANTH 202	Biological Anthropology Seminar 	
ANTH 203	Archaeology 	
ANTH 205	Ethnology 	
ANTH 207	Language and Culture 	
Breadth Seminars		6
Select two of the following graduate seminars or additional core seminars listed above (with thesis advisor approval): ^{2,3}		
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 211	Communicating Anthropology Graduate Colloquium	
ANTH 222	Bioarchaeology Seminar	
ANTH 223	Areal Archaeology	
ANTH 254	Primate Behavioral Ecology	
ANTH 258	Human Skeletal Analysis	
ANTH 274	Environmental Anthropology	
ANTH 276	Museum Anthropology	
Additional Graduate Course (3 Units)		
Select any additional 200-level course or seminar with the exception of ANTH 278, ANTH 292, ANTH 295, and ANTH 299. ³		
General Electives (9 Units)		
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. ³		
Culminating Requirement (3 Units)		
ANTH 500	Master's Thesis ⁴	3
Total Units		30

¹ 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.

² ANTH 200, 201, 204, 211 and 223 may be repeated under different instructor or topic.

³ 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 211, 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.

⁴ 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:

There is no programmatic or fiscal impact on other academic units' programs.

Provide a fiscal analysis of the proposed changes:

The department will not incur any additional expenses as a result of these changes.

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

The existing scheduling/teaching rotation will accommodate these changes, not requiring any additional fiscal resources.

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

Reviewer Comments:

Liam Murphy (lmurphy) (Tue, 03 Oct 2023 15:12:34 GMT): Rollback: This looks good to me.

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