MA IN ANTHROPOLOGY

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
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

For electronic transcripts submissions systems that allow 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.
# Program Requirements

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## Core Seminars (6 Units)
Select the seminar below in your area of study plus one additional core seminar:

1. ANTH 202: Biological Anthropology Seminar
2. ANTH 203: Archaeology
3. ANTH 205: Ethnology
4. ANTH 207: Language and Culture

## Elective Graduate Seminars (9 Units)
Select three of the following graduate seminars or additional core seminars listed above (with thesis advisor approval):

1. ANTH 200: General Methods in Anthropology
2. ANTH 201: Anthropological Theory
3. ANTH 204: Current Problems in Archaeological Method and Theory
4. ANTH 210: Research Design in Anthropology Seminar
5. ANTH 222: Bioarchaeology Seminar
6. ANTH 223: Areal Archaeology
7. ANTH 254: Primate Behavioral Ecology
8. ANTH 258: Human Skeletal Analysis
9. ANTH 274: Environmental Anthropology
10. ANTH 276: Museum Anthropology

## Elective 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.

## 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.

## Culminating Requirement (3 Units)
ANTH 500: Master's Thesis

### Total Units

30

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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, 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 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.