

# ANTHROPOLOGY

## **Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Anthropology**

### **Minor in Anthropology**

## **Master of Arts degree in Applied Anthropology**

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## **THE BA PROGRAM**

Students completing this program will have demonstrated:

- understanding of the diversity of cultural values reflected in different patterns of social and political organization and systems of communication (symbolic and linguistic)
- the ability to think critically and to apply the scientific method in the various sub-fields of the discipline (cultural, biological, archaeology, linguistics, and applied)
- understanding of the complex and inter-related processes of change (biological and cultural evolution, diffusion, colonialism, globalization) both within cultures and across cultural boundaries
- a solid grasp of the relevance of anthropology to present-day policy and social issues such as human rights, health, historical preservation, conservation, economic development, language use, and cultural practices.
- practical skills needed to assume the roles and responsibilities of a productive member of an increasingly global society (oral and written skills, research and library skills, technical computer skills) through classroom assignments, fieldwork, and professional service opportunities.

Concerned with the world's diverse cultures, anthropology provides education and experience to help students understand the perspectives of peoples in other places, settings, and times. It develops critical and analytical skills and empathic understanding. Students can pursue a wide number of anthropological fields: social and cultural, archaeological, linguistic, and biological.

Humboldt State's unique setting in proximity to nine Native American tribes presents

a rare opportunity for learning about the first Nations of North America and their contemporary relationships to other cultures of the U.S. Our region's cultural richness includes immigrant communities and families as well as students and faculty of diverse nationalities at HSU. Combined with our department's emphasis on international and applied experience, this context allows our students to obtain an academic and experiential education in the study of culture.

Anthropology provides an excellent liberal arts background, benefiting many careers. Wherever crosscultural relations are present, or wherever culturally broad perspectives are valuable (education, social services, medicine, business, legal services, and journalism), anthropologists can make strong contributions.

Humboldt's program provides a strong foundation for graduate study. Graduates have established careers in archaeology, linguistics, international development, foreign affairs, health services, multicultural education, environmental planning and research, biological and medical research, cultural resource management, and professional anthropology.

### **Preparation**

At the high school level, students can prepare for a major in Anthropology through the study of college preparatory courses, especially including second-language learning, social sciences, mathematics, and biology. At the university level we encourage students to continue with a carefully-planned breadth of education in these areas.

Please obtain a Major Contract form as soon as you decide to major in anthropology. You can pick one up from the departmental office, or print a copy from the Anthropology home page ([humboldt.edu/anthropology](http://humboldt.edu/anthropology)). Review the form with your advisor each semester, and ask how to best apply international study and field school work toward the requirements of your major.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE**

*For a description of degree requirements to be fulfilled in addition to those listed below for the major, please see "The Bachelor's Degree" section of the catalog, pp. 66-81., and "The Master's Degree" pp. 82-84.*

### **Core Courses**

- ANTH 103 (3) Biological Anthropology  
ANTH 104 (3) Cultural Anthropology  
ANTH 105 (3) Archaeology and World Prehistory  
ANTH 310 (4) Theory & History in Anthropology

### **Methods Training** (Select two.)

- ANTH 318 (4) Ethnography  
ANTH 330 (4) Method & Theory in Bioanth  
ANTH 350 (4) Method & Theory in Archaeology

### **Breadth & Emphasis**

**Emphasis:** Take at least three courses from your emphasis group (at least 9 units).

**Breadth:** In addition, take at least one course from each non-emphasis group (at least 3 units each).

### **Archaeology Emphasis**

- ANTH 351 (4) Archaeological Materials Analysis  
ANTH 352 (4) Experimental Archaeology  
ANTH 353 (4) Archaeology of Warfare  
ANTH 354 (4) Cultural Resource Management  
ANTH 357 (3-6) Field Archaeology  
ANTH 358 (1) Archaeology Lab  
ANTH 359 (4) Special Topics in Archaeology

Advisor Approved Elective (e.g., arch lab, field program, independent study)

### **Biological Anthropology Emphasis**

- ANTH 331 (4) Paleoanthropology  
ANTH 332 (4) Skeletal Biology & Forensics  
ANTH 333 (4) Primate Adaptation & Evolution  
ANTH 334 (4) Anthropology, Ecology & Conservation  
ANTH 335 (4) Topics in Evolutionary Medicine  
ANTH 339 (4) Special Topics in Biological Anthropology

Advisor Approved Elective (e.g., bioanth lab, field program, independent study, anatomy.)

### **Sociocultural Anthropology Emphasis**

- ANTH 302 (3) Anthropology of Religion [DCG-n]  
ANTH 315 (4) Sex, Gender & Globalization [DCG-n]  
ANTH 316 (4) Anthropology & Development

- ANTH 317 (4) Women & Development  
 ANTH 340 (4) Language & Culture  
 ANTH 341 (4) Anthropological Linguistics  
 ANTH 329 (4) Special Topics in Social Anthropology  
 Advisor Approved Elective (e.g., field program, independent study.)

**Additional Requirements**

**Regional Course:** Take at least one course (4 units)

- ANTH 390 (4) World Regions Cultural Seminar  
 ANTH 394 (4) Regional Survey of North American Archaeology  
 ANTH 395 (4) Mesoamerican Archaeology

**Seminars:** Take at least two seminars (at least 2 units). One topic must be Language & Society (or another linguistic topic) unless ANTH 340/341 is taken.

- ANTH 482 (1) Applied Anthropology Internship  
 ANTH 485 (1) Anthropology Seminar (Language & Society)  
 ANTH 485 (1) Anthropology Seminar (variable topic)

**Capstone:** Take senior year. Must take ANTH 310 first.

- ANTH 410 (4) Anthropology Capstone

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR**

- ANTH 104 (3) Cultural Anthropology

*plus one of the following:*

- ANTH 103 (3) Biological Anthropology, **or**  
 ANTH 105 (3) Archaeology and World Prehistory

Plus 9 units of upper division anthropology courses.

**THE APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY MA PROGRAM**

Students completing this program will have demonstrated that they:

- exhibit substantive knowledge of the field of applied anthropology, and an advanced ability to apply disciplinary principles, theories, methods, and approaches to address complex issues within academic and non-academic settings.
- possess professional-level expertise in a concentrated area, an advanced ability to comprehend, conceive, design, and execute meaningful research in that area
- possess a wide range of graduate level practical and professional skills enabling one to function efficiently in academic and non-

academic settings, including research and problem-solving skills, effective multi-modal communication, initiative, adaptability perseverance, and capacity to proactively market skills and expertise

- display knowledge and competency in anthropological ethics and embrace social responsibility in research, teaching and service.

The MA in Applied Anthropology is a rigorous yet flexible program focused on building competitive, marketable skills. Applied anthropology is the application of anthropological perspectives, methods, theories, and practices to human and environmental problems in academic, professional, and global contexts. Applied anthropology crosses traditional disciplinary boundaries and is relevant to students of anthropology, history, human biology, environmental studies, religious studies, sociology, art, geography, international studies, political science, and many other areas.

The program begins with a five week Summer Institute, three weeks online and ten days on the HSU campus, during which students will build camaraderie and receive rigorous hands-on methods training. While on campus, students work with resources such as the archaeology and biological anthropology laboratories, cultural artifact & skeletal collections, and simulated archaeological site. After the Summer Institute, students undertake the remaining coursework via online distance learning, typically in either three to four full-time semesters or six part-time semesters. Students who would like to be on campus are welcomed and will have access to departmental facilities.

Students will be held to rigorous standards and as such, graduates will gain competitive, broadly applicable skills and be in a position to confidently apply anthropological perspectives, theories, and methods to a variety of careers in today's academic, non-academic, and increasingly global job market.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER'S DEGREE**

**Core Courses** (26 units required)

- ANTH 670 (2) Introduction to Applied Anthropology  
 ANTH 671 (3) Methods in Applied Anthropology  
 ANTH 672 (3) Theory in Applied Anthropology  
 ANTH 673 (3) Anthropology Careers & Management Strategy  
 ANTH 674 (3) Research Project Design

- ANTH 678 (3) Applied Anthropology Pro Seminar  
 [1 unit, repeated 3 times]  
 ANTH 682 (3) Anthropology Internship Field/Placement  
 ANTH 690 (6) Thesis

**Elective Courses** (9 units required)

All electives must be advisor-approved as relevant to emphasis or career trajectory. If emphasis or thesis focus changes, alternate electives may be required, at the discretion of the advisor.

Students will select a minimum of 9 units over three courses. Of the required 9 units, at least 5 units must be (but all 9 can be) graduate level courses offered through the MA Applied Anthropology program, such as those listed below.

- ANTH 618 (1-3) Qualitative Methods & Analysis  
 ANTH 621 (1-3) Anthropology & Globalization  
 ANTH 637 (1-3) Applied Biological Anthropology  
 ANTH 654 (1-3) Cultural Resources Management  
 ANTH 679 (1-3) Applied Anthropology Region  
 ANTH 680 (1-4) Graduate Seminar (rotating topics)  
 ANTH 681 (1-4) Advanced Research Training

Of the required 9 elective units, up to 4 units may be from courses taken outside of the MA program. These (up to) 4 units must be upper division undergraduate level or graduate level, can be from HSU (Anthropology or other disciplines), or from other universities where credits are transferable, and may be from a course taken prior to the program, if taken at graduate level, not counted toward any other degree, and taken within seven years of completion of the MA degree.

**Students shall select one of the following emphases**, in consultation with their advisor, and complete all requirements.

**Archaeology Emphasis**

One of the following courses as part of the above elective requirements:

- ANTH 654 (1-3) Cultural Resources Management **or**  
 ANTH 680 (1-4) Graduate Seminar (on an emphasis-focused topic)

Skills demonstration: Excavation unit set up, compass and clinometer use, tape and compass mapping, plan and profile mapping of a unit, ability to read topographical maps

and point out areas of interest or features, and basic GPS mapping/use.

### Biological Anthropology Emphasis

One of the following courses as part of the above elective requirements:

- ANTH 637 (1-3) Applied Biological Anthropology, or
- ANTH 680 (1-4) Graduate Seminar (on an emphasis-focused topic)

### Bioarchaeology/Forensics Emphasis

One of the following courses as part of the above elective requirements:

- ANTH 637 (1-3) Applied Biological Anthropology, or
- ANTH 654 (1-3) Cultural Resources Management or
- ANTH 680 (1-4) Graduate Seminar (on an emphasis-focused topic)

Skills demonstration: Lay out a disarticulated human skeleton in correct anatomical position within fifteen minutes (phalanges may be grouped); complete a case report/profile (inventory, postcranial and cranial metrics, and analysis of pathology/traumata) within four hours; use of relevant software such as 3DID / FORDISC.

### Cultural Anthropology Emphasis

One of the following courses as part of the above elective requirements:

- ANTH 618 (1-3) Qualitative Methods & Analysis, or
- ANTH 680 (1-4) Graduate Seminar (on an emphasis-focused topic)

### Internship/Field Placement Requirement (ANTH 682)

Students are required to complete 180 hours of advisor-approved field placement (internship) that is focused on gaining hands-on applied experience in the emphasis area. The field placement may, but is not required to be, directly related to MA thesis research. Field school(s) may fulfill some but not all internship hours, at the discretion of the advisor, but only if such hours are in excess of any hours for which academic credit (units) are earned and applied to meet the focus elective requirement.

**MA Thesis (ANTH 690):** Related to emphasis. Students may enroll in additional courses to develop interests and expertise and enable competent completion of specialized thesis topics.

## ADDITIONAL MA DEGREE INFORMATION

### Summer Institute (5 units)

Includes approximately 150 hours of required meetings over **five to six weeks** during the summer **before the first fall semester**. Timing varies year-to-year, and may overlap with the beginning of the fall semester.

- Courses: ANTH 670 & ANTH 671
- Milestones: Pass preliminary exams

Following the Summer Institute, students may choose to complete the remainder of the program as either full-time or part-time semesters.

### Typical Full-Time Timeline

#### Semester 1, Fall (10-11 units, online)

- Courses: ANTH 672, ANTH 673, ANTH 678 & 3-4 units electives
- Milestones: Establish internship, thesis chair, preliminary thesis plan

#### Semester 2, Spring (10-11 units, online)

- Courses: ANTH 674, ANTH 678, ANTH 682 & 3-4 units electives
- Milestones: Begin internship, thesis committee formed, thesis prospectus approved, Advancement to Candidacy filed. Students will generally begin thesis research during the summer directly following this course if they have not done so already.

#### Semester 3, Fall (10-11 units, online)

- Courses: ANTH 678, ANTH 690 & 3-4 units electives
- Milestones: Thesis and defense completed, or progress approved by thesis committee. Skills demonstration (arch/bioarch emphases) must be completed prior to graduation.

### Typical Part-Time Timeline

#### Semester 1, Fall (4 units, online)

- Courses: ANTH 673 & ANTH 678
- Milestones: Establish internship

#### Semester 2, Spring (6-7 units, online)

- Courses: ANTH 675 & 3-4 units electives
- Milestone: Begin internship.

#### Semester 3, Fall (6-7 units, online)

- Courses: ANTH 672 & 3-4 units electives
- Milestones: Thesis chair, preliminary thesis plan

#### Semester 4, Spring (4 units, online)

- Courses: ANTH 674 & ANTH 678
- Milestones: Thesis committee formed,

thesis prospectus approved, advancement to candidacy filed. Students will generally begin thesis research during the summer or fall directly following this semester if they have not done so already.

#### Semester 5, Fall (4-5 units, online)

- Courses: ANTH 678 & 3-4 units electives
- Milestones: Thesis progress approved by thesis committee.

#### Semester 6, Spring (6 units, online)

- Courses: ANTH 690
- Milestones: Thesis and defense completed, or progress approved by thesis committee. Skills demonstration (arch/bioarch emphases) must be completed prior to graduation.

### Grade and Progress Requirements, Continuous Enrollment Requirements, and Leave of Absences

Students must pass preliminary exams at the end of the Summer Institute to continue in the program, and each semester students are expected to maintain at least a B (3.0) average and pass all courses will a B- or better. If the thesis is not expected to be completed according to the standard timeline, students are required to enroll in at least one unit (usually thesis units) each fall and spring until work is complete and all committee members have approved the final written thesis and oral defense. Extension of thesis completion deadlines must be approved by the advisor and graduate coordinator. Students must file a formal "leave of absence" application if they are unable to continue enrollment. The department reserves the right to dismiss from the program a student who does not make academically adequate and timely progress in moving through degree requirements.

### Conduct Requirements

Students are expected to maintain professional conduct and abide by ethical standards, in all aspects of and activities related to the program, in anthropological research and activities, and in all situations where they represent the program and discipline. The department reserves the right to dismiss from the program a student who does not abide by these rules.

