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 interrelated 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.
- skills (critical thinking, communication, information literacy and research and technical skills) needed to apply anthropology in practical and professional settings.

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’s 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.

Review your degree plan 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 MAJOR

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. 67-82.

Unit Requirements

| Core units: | 31 |
| Emphasis/breadth units: | 15 |
| Total units in the major: | 46 |
| Total units required for the degree: | 120 |

Core Courses (31 units)

The following core courses are required for all anthropology majors.

ANTH 103 (3) Biological Anthropology
ANTH 104 (3) Cultural Anthropology
ANTH 105 (3) Archaeology and World Prehistory
ANTH 140 (3) Introduction to the Anthropology of Language
ANTH 210 (1) Introduction to Anthropology Major
ANTH 310 (4) Theory & History in Anthropology
ANTH 410 (4) Anthropology Capstone

Methods Training

Complete two courses.

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

Applied Leadership Experience

Complete one course.

ANTH 482 (2) Anthropology Internship/ Lab/Research
ANTH 483 (2) Anthropology Teaching & Leadership

Emphases (15 units)

Complete one of the following emphases and associated breadth areas to fulfill the requirements of the major:

Archaeology Emphasis

Complete at least three courses (at least 9 units) from the following:

ANTH 307 (3) World Heritage & Archaeology [DCG-n]
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
ANTH 394 (4) Regional Survey of North American Archaeology
ANTH 395 (4) Mesoamerican Archaeology

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

Breadth

Complete one course (minimum 3 units) from the Biological Anthropology group and one course (minimum 3 units) from the Sociocultural & Linguistic Anthropology group.
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 four to six week Summer Institute, part of which is online and part of which is held on the HSU campus, during which students will build camaraderie and be introduced to the program and discipline. 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 also have three flexible options for culminating experience, a comprehensive exam, project or thesis.

** The Applied Anthropology MA program is not accepting applications for the 2020-21 academic year.

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 DEGREE

MASTER OF ARTS

For a description of degree requirements to be fulfilled in addition to those listed below, please see, “The Master’s Degree” section of the catalog, pp. 83-84.

Total units required for the degree: 35

Core Courses (23-26 units)

- ANTH 670  [2] Introduction to Applied Anthropology
- ANTH 682  [3] Anthropology Internship Field/Placement
- ANTH 690 [6] Thesis/Project, or
- ANTH 691 [3] Comprehensive Exam

Elective Courses (9-12 units)

Students who choose the comprehensive exam option [ANTH 691] are required to complete 12 units of approved elective courses.

Students who choose to complete a thesis or project [ANTH 690] are required to complete 9 units of approved elective courses.

All electives must be advisor-approved as relevant to emphasis or career trajectory. If emphasis changes, alternate electives may be required, at the discretion of the advisor. Electives must be graduate level or upper division undergraduate level and may be taken at HSU or other universities where credits are transferable. Graduate level courses taken prior to the program, may be used to fulfill elective requirements, if not counted toward any other degree, and taken within seven years of completion of the MA degree.

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.

**Culminating Experience Options**

All students enter the program on track to complete a comprehensive exam. The comprehensive exam consists of three areas chosen in consultation with the advisor; writing of annotated bibliographies in these areas, then taking a written and/or practical exam covering the three areas.

Students wishing to complete a thesis or project must submit a proposal, receive approval, and meet the requirements below.

To be eligible for the thesis or project option a student must have: completed at least 15 units of coursework toward the MA degree with a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or above; and demonstrated proficiency in research and writing skills by earning a grade of A- or above in ANTH 674. An exception may be made on a case-by-case basis if the student can otherwise document sufficient preparation to successfully complete a thesis/project. Any such exception must be approved by the advisor, committee, graduate coordinator, and anthropology department chair.

**Skills**

In addition to other requirements, students are expected to evidence a mastery of subject/skills pertinent to their culminating experience and career trajectories prior to graduation. This may include taking specific elective courses, participating in workshops/trainings/fieldwork, and/or demonstrating practical skills. Any such requirements will be set by the advisor with approval from the graduate coordinator, and will be communicated to the student no later than the end of the first semester in the program or within the semester of any approved change in program focus.

**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 (3.00) average and pass all courses will a B- or better. If the culminating experience is not expected to be completed according to the standard timeline, students are required to enroll in at least 1 unit each fall and spring until work is complete and all committee members have approved the final written thesis and oral defense. Extension of culminating experience 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.

**Typical Program Timelines**

**Summer Institute (5 units) on-campus**

- **Semester 1: Fall (4 units)**
  - ANTH 670 (2) Introduction to Applied Anthropology
  - ANTH 671 (3) Methods in Applied Anthropology
  - Milestone: Pass preliminary exams

- **Semester 2: Spring (6-7 units)**
  - ANTH 673 (3) Anthropology Careers & Management Strategy
  - ANTH 678 (1) Applied Anthropology
  - Milestone: identify internship location.

- **Semester 3: Fall (6-7 units)**
  - ANTH 672 (3) Theory in Applied Anthropology
  - Milestone: Begin internship.

- **Semester 4: Spring (4 units)**
  - ANTH 674 (3) Research Project Design
  - ANTH 678 (1) Applied Anthropology
  - Milestone: establish exam areas (Comprehensive Exam Track) or submit full petition after completing ANTH 674 with A- or better (Thesis/Project Track)

- **Semester 5: Fall (4-5 units)**
  - ANTH 672 (3) Theory in Applied Anthropology
  - ANTH 673 (3) Anthropology Careers & Management Strategy
  - ANTH 678 (1) Applied Anthropology
  - Milestone: Internship

- **Semester 6: Spring (6 units)**
  - ANTH 690 (6) Thesis/Project, or
  - ANTH 691 (3) Comprehensive Exam
  - Milestones: begin internship; advance to candidacy; establish exam areas (Comprehensive Exam Track) or submit full petition after completing ANTH 674 with A- or better (Thesis/Project Track).

**Milestones:**

**Semester 1: Fall (10-11 units)**

- ANTH 670 (2) Introduction to Applied Anthropology
- ANTH 678 (1) Applied Anthropology
- ANTH 674 (3) Research Project Design
- ANTH 678 (1) Applied Anthropology
- ANTH 682 (3) Anthropology Internship Field/Placement
- Milestone: Begin internship

**Semester 2: Spring (10-11 units)**

- ANTH 674 (3) Research Project Design
- ANTH 678 (1) Applied Anthropology
- ANTH 682 (3) Anthropology Internship Field/Placement
- Milestone: Internship

**Semester 3: Fall (10-11 units)**

- ANTH 672 (3) Theory in Applied Anthropology
- ANTH 673 (3) Anthropology Careers & Management Strategy
- ANTH 678 (1) Applied Anthropology
- ANTH 688 (3) Anthropology Internship Field/Placement
- Milestone: Complete internship

**Semester 4: Spring (6-7 units)**

- ANTH 674 (3) Research Project Design
- ANTH 678 (1) Applied Anthropology
- Milestone: establish exam areas (Comprehensive Exam Track) or submit full petition after completing ANTH 674 with A- or better (Thesis/Project Track)

**Semester 5: Fall (4-5 units)**

- ANTH 672 (3) Theory in Applied Anthropology
- ANTH 673 (3) Anthropology Careers & Management Strategy
- ANTH 678 (1) Applied Anthropology
- Milestone: Internship

**Semester 6: Spring (6 units)**

- ANTH 690 (6) Thesis/Project, or
- ANTH 691 (3) Comprehensive Exam
- Milestones: advance to candidacy; establish exam areas (Comprehensive Exam Track) or submit full petition after completing ANTH 674 with A- or better (Thesis/Project Track).