

ANTHROPOLOGY, MA

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirements>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policies>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW-Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail	
Minimum Credit Requirement	30 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	16 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	30 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	A GPA of 3.5. No less than 3.0 during the first year; must have a 3.5 thereafter.
Other Grade Requirements	Candidates may not have a GPA lower than 3.0 during the first year and must maintain a 3.5 GPA every year thereafter. Candidates may not carry more than 4 credits

of Incomplete at any one time; credits of Incomplete over this limit are counted as grades of F for purposes of the GPA until removed.

Assessments and Examinations	Successful completion of a comprehensive master's exam or a PhD qualifying examination is required.
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Language Requirements	Language study will be required for many students; specifics are determined in consultation with the advisor and co-advisor.
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REQUIRED COURSES

Students choose from one of four concentrations/pathways (also referred to as "sections") in the department.

Archaeology Concentration Pathway¹

Code	Title	Credits
Seminar		
Students complete the following course 3 times for total of 9 credits.		9
ANTHRO 942	Seminar-Archaeological Problems	
Coursework		
Graduate level coursework determined through consultation with advisor		21
Foreign Language		
Up to 6 credits of foreign-language courses numbered 300 to 999 can be applied toward the MA.		0-6
Total Credits		30

Recommended Courses

The following is a list of recommended courses. Other courses may be chosen in consultation with your advisor.

Code	Title	Credits
ANTHRO 310	Topics in Archaeology	3
ANTHRO 321	The Emergence of Human Culture	3
ANTHRO 322	The Origins of Civilization	3
ANTHRO 339	Archaeology of Warfare and Human Nature	3
ANTHRO 352	Ancient Technology and Invention	3
ANTHRO/ AMER IND 354	Archaeology of Wisconsin	3
ANTHRO 391	Bones for the Archaeologist	3

Qualifying Examinations

Students must complete qualifying examinations. The examinations include a written component, given in two parts (1) World Prehistory and (2) Method and Theory, each four hours in length on two consecutive days with a prepared bibliography and research paper component. Each student will consult with their advisor to develop one research paper and a separate, comprehensive bibliography. The paper should result from a graduate seminar in archaeology, taken in the context of coursework in the program, and must be revised based on feedback from the professor whose course it was written for.

¹ These pathways are internal to the program and represent different curricular paths a student can follow to earn this degree. Pathway names do not appear in the Graduate School admissions application, and they will not appear on the transcript.

Biological Concentration Pathway¹

Code	Title	Credits
Coursework		
Graduate level coursework determined through consultation with advisor		30
<i>Qualifying Examination Preparation</i>		
The following courses are strongly recommended in preparation for the general section of the qualifying examination:		
ANTHRO 303	Human Skeletal Anatomy	
ANTHRO 603	Seminar in Evolutionary Theory	
GENETICS 466	Principles of Genetics	
Total Credits		30

Recommended Courses

The following is a list of additional recommended courses.

Code	Title	Credits
ANTHRO 302	Hominoid Evolution	3
ANTHRO 304	Heredity, Environment and Human Populations	3
ANTHRO/BOTANY/ZOOLOGY 410	Evolutionary Biology	3
ANTHRO 411	The Evolution of the Genus, Homo	3
ANTHRO 458	Primate Behavioral Ecology	3
ANTHRO 605	Seminar-Current Problems in Paleoanthropology	3
ANTHRO/PSYCH/ZOOLOGY 619	Biology of Mind	3
ANTHRO 668	Primate Conservation	3

Qualifying Examinations

Students must complete qualifying examinations. Two term papers from graduate seminars in anthropology must be submitted at the time of the qualifying examination. The two-part examination is compiled by faculty members in this pathway. The written examination expects students to provide in depth knowledge of general principles and theory in modern biology anthropology. The examination is tailored to a student’s particular research interest.

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Cultural Concentration Pathway¹

Code	Title	Credits
Cultural Anthropology		
Students must complete 15 credits in cultural anthropology (courses taught by faculty within the cultural pathway/concentration), including the following two courses:		15
ANTHRO 860	History of Anthropological Theory	
ANTHRO 900	Fundamentals of Anthropological Theory	
Seminar		
Students must complete a seminar numbered 700 or above, excluding ANTHRO 909.		3
Coursework		

Graduate level coursework determined through consultation with advisor	12
<i>Foreign Language</i>	
Up to six credits of foreign-language instruction can be applied toward the MA.	0-6
Total Credits	30

Recommended Courses

The following is a list of recommended courses. Other courses may be chosen in consultation with your advisor.

Code	Title	Credits
ANTHRO 330	Topics in Ethnology	3-4
ANTHRO 350	Political Anthropology	3-4
ANTHRO 424	Historical Anthropology	3
ANTHRO/GEN&WS 443	Anthropology by Women	3
ANTHRO 456	Symbolic Anthropology	3-4
ANTHRO 545	Psychological Anthropology	3
ANTHRO/ED POL 570	Anthropology and Education	3
ANTHRO/GEN&WS 920	Anthropology of Gender	3
ANTHRO/C&E SOC/ECON/SOC 925	Seminar: Socio-Economic Change in Underdeveloped Areas	2-3
ANTHRO 940	Seminar-Problems in Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTHRO/A A E/C&E SOC/GEOG/HISTORY/LACIS/POLI SCI/PORTUG/SOC/SPANISH 982	Interdepartmental Seminar in the Latin-American Area	1-3

Qualifying Examinations

Students must complete qualifying examinations and submit a portfolio consisting of two papers. Students work on these papers during their coursework. Students are assessed by an advising committee.

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Intersectional Concentration Pathway¹

Students may pursue an intersectional concentration involving two or more of the sub-disciplines within the department. Examples might include paleoanthropology, ethnoarchaeology, or biocultural anthropology. Students choose courses relevant to field of specialization determined through consultation with their advisor.

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ANTHRO 302	Hominoid Evolution	3
ANTHRO 303	Human Skeletal Anatomy	4
ANTHRO 304	Heredity, Environment and Human Populations	3

ANTHRO 310	Topics in Archaeology	3
ANTHRO 321	The Emergence of Human Culture	3
ANTHRO 322	The Origins of Civilization	3
ANTHRO 330	Topics in Ethnology	3-4
ANTHRO 339	Archaeology of Warfare and Human Nature	3
ANTHRO 350	Political Anthropology	3-4
ANTHRO 352	Ancient Technology and Invention	3
ANTHRO/ AMER IND 354	Archaeology of Wisconsin	3
ANTHRO 391	Bones for the Archaeologist	3
ANTHRO/BOTANY/ ZOOLOGY 410	Evolutionary Biology	3
ANTHRO 411	The Evolution of the Genus, Homo	3
ANTHRO 424	Historical Anthropology	3
ANTHRO 456	Symbolic Anthropology	3-4
ANTHRO 458	Primate Behavioral Ecology	3
ANTHRO/ AMER IND/ BOTANY 474	Ethnobotany	3-4
ANTHRO 545	Psychological Anthropology	3
ANTHRO 603	Seminar in Evolutionary Theory	3
ANTHRO 605	Seminar-Current Problems in Paleoanthropology	3
ANTHRO/PSYCH/ ZOOLOGY 619	Biology of Mind	3
ANTHRO 668	Primate Conservation	3
ANTHRO 860	History of Anthropological Theory	3
ANTHRO 900	Fundamentals of Anthropological Theory	3
ANTHRO 909	Research Methods and Research Design in Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTHRO/ GEN&WS 920	Anthropology of Gender	3
ANTHRO/C&E SOC/ ECON/SOC 925	Seminar: Socio-Economic Change in Underdeveloped Areas	2-3
ANTHRO 940	Seminar-Problems in Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTHRO 942	Seminar-Archaeological Problems	3
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Qualifying Examinations

Students must complete qualifying examinations. The examination is tailored to a student's particular research interest. It is a set of two written examinations, intended to evaluate both general anthropological knowledge and the specifics of the student's interests. The exam is written and evaluated by the faculty committee. The committee may require a paper or thesis as evidence of research and writing skills.

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