

ANTHROPOLOGY, PHD

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext>), 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	51 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	51 credits must be completed in 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 3.50. No less than 3.0 during the first year; must have a 3.50 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 PhD qualifying examinations must be taken no later than the fourth semester and must be passed no later than the sixth semester. Students must take preliminary examinations no later than the third semester after passage of the qualifying examinations, and pass no later than the fifth semester after qualifying examinations.

Language Requirements Language requirements are determined on an individual basis with the major professor and will depend on the area concentration within the department.

Graduate School Breadth Requirement All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Refer to the Graduate School: Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200/>).

REQUIRED COURSES

Students choose from one of four pathways (also referred to as "sections") in the department. Students earn an MA (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/anthropology/anthropology-ma/#requirementstext>) or MS (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/anthropology/anthropology-ms/#requirementstext>) on the way to the PhD and should refer to the requirements on those pages for information about specific courses required.

All concentrations (archaeology, biological, cultural, intersectional) require one course numbered 300 or above in one of the other concentrations.

Archaeology Concentration Pathway¹

21 additional credits to the master's degree, including two seminars in anthropology/archaeology.

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

21 additional credits to the master's degree, including coursework relevant to field of specialization.

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.

Cultural Concentration Pathway¹

21 additional credits to the master's degree, including at least one graduate seminar numbered above 900 in addition to ANTHRO 860 and ANTHRO 900 in the Department of Anthropology. Students must also take ANTHRO 909, which may be taken as a directed study when it is not offered as a course by the department, and it affects a student's progress. Substitutions for courses numbered 900 can only be made by petition to the Cultural Section.

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.

Intersectional Concentration Pathway¹

There are no specific courses required; students choose courses in consultation with their advisor.

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.