

Master of Arts - Anthropology

Plan Description

Our program, which has a strong field and laboratory component in addition to coursework, is designed to prepare our graduates to work in a variety of settings, including academia, applied anthropology, cultural resources management, and other research settings.

For more information about your program, including your graduate program handbook and learning outcomes, please visit the Degree Directory.

Plan Admission Requirements

Application deadlines

Applications available on the UNLV Graduate College website.

All domestic and international applicants must review and follow the Graduate College Admission & Registration Requirements.

In addition to the general admission requirements established by the Graduate College, a background in Anthropology is preferred. Deficiencies can be made up in consultation with a graduate advisor upon entrance to the program.

Applicants must submit a research paper representative of their undergraduate work. If the student did not major in anthropology as an undergraduate, a research paper in another field indicative of the student's ability is acceptable.

Applicants must also submit an explicit letter of intent.

Three letters of recommendation must be provided attesting to the applicant's ability to conduct graduate level work. At least two of the letters from academic references are preferred.

GRE scores are required for admission. There is no required minimum score, but scores will be used in combination with other information in the application to evaluate the applicant. The exam must be taken within five years preceding the deadline for the application to be considered.

Students are accepted into a degree program as described in the Graduate Catalog. The faculty and corresponding sub-disciplines and sub-plans within the described programs are subject to change at any time.

Plan Requirements

See Subplan Requirements below. Subplan 1: General Anthropology Track-Thesis Subplan 2: General Anthropology Track-~~Non-Thesis~~ Subplan 3: Archeological Heritage Management Track-Thesis

(ON HOLD) Subplan 4: Archeological Heritage Management Track - Non-Thesis (ON HOLD)**Subplan 1: General Anthropology Track - Thesis**

Total Credits Required: 33

Course Requirements**Required Courses – Credits: 11**

ANTH 700A Proseminar I	1
ANTH 700B Proseminar II	1
ANTH 703 Core Concepts in Anthropology	3
ANTH 770 Quantitative Methods in Anthropology	3
ANTH 790 Research Design, Professional Ethics, and Grant Writing for Anthropologists	3

Elective Courses – Credits: 16

Complete 16 credits of advisor-approved Anthropology electives.

Thesis – Credits: 6

ANTH 797 Thesis	3 – 6
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Degree Requirements and Graduation RequirementsSee Plan Degree **and Graduation** Requirements below.**Graduation Requirements**~~See Plan Graduation Requirements below.~~**Subplan 2: General Anthropology Track - Non-Thesis**

Total Credits Required: 33

Course Requirements

Required Courses – Credits: 11

ANTH 700A Proseminar I	1
ANTH 700B Proseminar II	1
ANTH 703 Core Concepts in Anthropology	3
ANTH 770 Quantitative Methods in Anthropology	3
ANTH 790 Research Design, Professional Ethics, and Grant Writing for Anthropologists	3

Elective Courses – Credits: 16

Complete 16 credits of advisor-approved Anthropology electives.

Culminating Experience – Credits: 6

ANTH 795 Culminating Experience	3 - 6
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Degree Requirements **and Graduation Requirements**

See Plan Degree **and Graduation** Requirements below.

~~Graduation Requirements~~

~~See Plan Graduation Requirements below.~~

~~Subplan 3: Archeological Heritage Management Track – Thesis (ON HOLD)~~

~~Total Credits Required: 33~~

~~Course Requirements~~

~~Required Courses – Credits: 20~~

~~Methods Course — Credits: 3~~

~~Complete 3 credits from the following list of courses:~~

~~Regional Course — Credits: 3~~

~~Complete 3 credits from the following list of courses:~~

~~Internship — Credits: 1~~

~~Complete 1 credit of the following course:~~

~~Thesis — Credits: 6~~

~~Degree Requirements~~

~~See Plan Degree Requirements below.~~

~~Graduation Requirements~~

~~See Plan Graduation Requirements below.~~

~~Subplan 4: Archeological Heritage Management Track — Non-Thesis (ON HOLD)~~

~~Total Credits Required: 33~~

~~Course Requirements~~

~~Required Courses — Credits: 20~~

~~Methods Course — Credits: 3~~

~~Complete 3 credits from the following list of courses:~~

~~Regional Course — Credits: 3~~

~~Complete 3 credits from the following list of courses:~~

~~Internship — Credits: 1~~

~~Complete 1 credit of the following course:~~

~~Culminating Experience — Credits: 6~~

~~Degree Requirements~~

~~See Plan Degree Requirements below.~~

~~Graduation Requirements~~

~~See Plan Graduation Requirements below.~~

Plan Degree Requirements - Thesis Track

A minimum of 27 credits of approved work at the graduate level plus 6 credits of thesis must be completed.

Seventeen of the 27 units presented for the degree must be courses with the prefix ANTH at the 700-level (excluding Directed Reading, Independent Study, Culminating Experience, and Thesis).

Classes in which a student receives a C+ or lower will not count towards his or her degree.

Any student receiving a C+ or lower will be placed on academic probation. Failure to meet the requirements of probation will result in separation from the graduate program.

Up to four credits each of Directed Reading and Independent Study can be applied toward the degree but may be taken only after acceptance into the Graduate College.

In consultation with his/her advisor, a student will organize a committee of at least three departmental members. In addition, a fourth member outside the department will be assigned by the Graduate College. Another outside member may be added at the department's discretion. Please see Graduate College policy for committee appointment guidelines.

The student must submit to the department a thesis research proposal approved by the thesis committee prior to the commencement of fieldwork or research. The student also must present a defense of this proposal to the thesis committee.

After successfully completing these tasks, the student will then conduct approved anthropological research to gather data needed for writing the thesis. This may involve fieldwork, laboratory research, or research on a theoretical topic.

Plan Degree Requirements - Non-Thesis Track

A minimum of 27 credits of approved work at the graduate level plus 6 credits of culminating experience must be completed.

Seventeen of the 27 units presented for the degree must be courses with the prefix ANTH at the 700-level (excluding Directed Reading, Independent Study, Culminating Experience, and Thesis).

Classes in which a student receives a C+ or lower will not count towards his or her degree.

Any student receiving a C+ or lower will be placed on academic probation. Failure to meet the requirements of probation will result in separation from the graduate program.

Up to four credits each of Directed Reading and Independent Study can be applied toward the degree but may be taken only after acceptance into the Graduate College.

In consultation with his/her advisor, a student will organize a committee of at least three departmental members. In addition, a fourth member outside the department will be assigned by the Graduate College. Another outside member may be added at the department's discretion. Please see Graduate College policy for committee appointment guidelines.

The student must submit to the department a publishable paper research proposal approved by the Grad Advisory committee prior to the commencement of fieldwork or research. The student also must present a defense of this proposal to the Grad Advisory committee.

After successfully completing these tasks, the student will then conduct approved anthropological research to gather data needed for writing the publishable paper. This may involve fieldwork, laboratory research, or research on a theoretical topic.

Plan Graduation Requirements

The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College and then apply for graduation up to two semesters prior to completing his/her degree requirements.

The student must submit and successfully defend his/her thesis by the posted deadline. The defense must be advertised and is open to the public.

After the thesis defense, the student must electronically submit a properly formatted pdf copy of their thesis to the Graduate College for format check. Once the thesis format has been approved by the Graduate College, the student will submit the approved electronic version to ProQuest. Deadlines for thesis defenses, format check submissions, and the final ProQuest submission can be found here.