

ANTHROPOLOGY

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The Anthropology Master of Arts program prepares graduates for a variety of professional positions and entrance into doctoral programs. The department's approach combines a strong anthropological perspective, an active faculty, a vigorous research and contract program, flexibility, and many opportunities to obtain hands-on experience. The department has one of the largest and most active terrestrial and maritime archaeology programs and facilities in the Southeast. There is continuous on-going student-focused research and contracts in prehistoric, historic, coastal, and interior archaeological sites that include graduate students at all levels of responsibility. The Cultural Anthropology program is dynamic and includes ethnographic research in Ireland and the study of myth, religion, rape, and disease. The growing Biological Anthropology program includes osteoarchaeology, forensics, and primatology.

Financial assistance includes many research assistantships in terrestrial and maritime archaeology through the Archaeology Institute, grants and contracts, internships, and the Marcus Fellowship for thesis completion.

There are thesis and internship options, both of which require 30 semester hours of graduate coursework, 6 hours of thesis or internship, and a research tool. Students in both options must complete the common core courses, but the remainder of the course work can be structured according to their interests with the approval of their advisor or committee.

In addition to general University requirements, students seeking the M.A. in Anthropology must meet the requirements listed below.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A. Completion of graduate admission application form sent to UWF Admissions Office along with transcripts and GRE scores;
- B. Bachelor of Arts or Science degree in Anthropology with grades of "B" or higher in the core and theory courses;
- C. A formal letter of background, study interests, and professional goals; an example of writing ability (term paper, conference paper, published paper, etc.); and three letters of academic recommendation sent to the Department Chair; and
- D. Graduate Record Exam score of at least 1000 (verbal and quantitative combined)

The members of the Department will not review the application until it is complete. Applications are accepted for each semester using the deadlines established for graduate admission. Students who meet most, but not all, admission requirements may be admitted on a conditional basis. All conditional requirements must be met within one year of admission.

The Anthropology graduate program emphasizes multidisciplinary and collaborative study and research. Admission exceptions can be made for promising students with prior degrees in different fields. Incoming students without a degree in Anthropology can become eligible for admission with the completion of upper division undergraduate level core courses in anthropology with a grade of "B" or higher. The core courses must include cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, archaeology, and theory.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

All work toward the Master's degree, including the thesis or internship must be completed within five years of the first semester of enrollment in the program.

All admitted students are assigned a graduate advisor upon admission to the program. All coursework must be approved in writing each semester by this advisor and filed with the Department Chair prior to registration for courses.

At the end of their first year, graduate students must select the Thesis or Internship option and form a committee consisting of three faculty members, the chair of which must have a doctoral degree in anthropology. One committee member may be selected from outside the department, and a fourth member may be added from another university or college with permission of the committee and department chair. The committee advises the second year of course work and the appropriate analytical tool or language.

Continuation of graduate students in the program is dependent on the following:

- A. Maintenance of a 3.0 or higher GPA
- B. Achieving no less than a "C" in any course
- C. A grade lower than a "B-" will not satisfy program requirements

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Students must take the four common core courses and demonstrate proficiency with a research tool (completion of an analytical course, a second semester in a foreign language, or passing a proficiency course) appropriate for the student's program. The research tool requirement can be met prior to entering the program if previous course work satisfies the graduate committee. Up to six semester hours can be taken outside Anthropology.

Advancement to Candidacy: At the completion of course work and the research tool, students must complete one of the following:

Thesis Option graduate students must prepare a thesis proposal for Committee approval. When successfully completed, the graduate student will be advanced to Candidate standing. Theses must be approved by the Thesis Committee and successfully defended by the candidate in an open defense.

Internship Option graduate students must take the comprehensive exam. The comprehensive exam will be offered at the end of the Fall and Spring semesters. It will cover the three subfields of Anthropology (Archaeology, Biological Anthropology, and Cultural Anthropology) with special emphasis on the student's interest area. If the graduate student fails to pass all, or part of the exam, the student may retake the entire exam one time only at the next exam offering. Internship Option candidates write a detailed report that must be approved by their Internship Committee and make a presentation to the department.

FOUNDATIONAL PROFICIENCIES

A baccalaureate degree in Anthropology is preferred, but completion of upper division undergraduate level core courses in Anthropology with a grade of "B" or higher is acceptable. The core courses must include Cultural Anthropology, Biological Anthropology, Archaeology, and Theory. All students must take either an analytical course, a second semester foreign language course, or pass a proficiency exam in that language.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Anthropology Core (12 sh)

ANG 6115	Advanced Method and Theory in Archaeology Seminar	3
ANG 6300	Contemporary Cultural Anthropology Theory.....	3
ANG 6583	Evolutionary Theory in Biological Anthropology	3
ANG 6931	Proseminar in Anthropology	3

Electives (18 sh)

18 semester hours of elective courses, at the 5000 level or higher, will be structured according to student interests with the approval of their Graduate Advisor or Thesis/Internship Committee.

Research Option (6 sh)

Choose one option:

Thesis Option:

ANG 6971	Anthropology Thesis	6
	Course offered 1-6 sh per semester	

Internship Option:

ANG 6940	Anthropology Internship	6
	Course offered 1-6 sh per semester	

Internship option includes Comprehensive Exams at the end of the last semester of course work.

HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

The Historical Archaeology Specialization in the Anthropology Master's Program is designed for students with a strong interest in the archaeology of the post-Columbus period and the combined use of documents and archaeology. The program consists of 36 semester hours and it is designed for students with a baccalaureate degree in Anthropology or History who want to pursue a professional career in either terrestrial or maritime Historical

Archaeology or continue to a doctoral program. The degree will qualify the graduate for entry level professional positions in cultural resource management in private business or government agencies at the national, state, and local level. The degree also qualifies graduates for professional positions in some aspects of public archaeology, historic preservation, and university research institutions and centers.

FOUNDATIONAL PROFICIENCIES

History Prerequisite

HIS 3002 Methods and Materials Colloquium3

Anthropology Prerequisites

ANT 2511/L Biological Anthropology/Lab4

ANT 3101 Principles of Archaeology3

ANT 3212 Peoples and Cultures of the World3

ANT 4121, ANT 4824, or ANT 4835
Archaeological Field Methods9
Course offered 1-9 sh per semester

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Historical Archaeology Courses (12 sh)

ANG 5172 Historical Archaeology Seminar3

ANG 6115 Advanced Method & Theory in
Archaeology Seminar3

ANG 6196 Policies, Practices & Archaeology in
Historic Preservation3

ANG 6824 Advanced Archaeological
Field Methods3

History Courses (12 sh)

5000/6000 level advisor or committee
approved History courses12

Electives (6 sh)

5000/6000 level advisor or committee approved
Anthropology, History, or area of
research-related courses6

Research Option (6 sh)

Choose one option:

Thesis Option:

ANG 6971 Anthropology Thesis6
Course offered 1-6 sh per semester

Internship Option:

ANG 6940 Anthropology Internship6
Course offered 1-6 sh per semester

Internship option includes Comprehensive Exams at the end of the last semester of course work.