ANTHROPOLOGY, MS

The Department of Anthropology offers programs of graduate study designed to provide a broad background in all significant facets of the discipline—biological as well as cultural, analytic as well as descriptive—while still encouraging specialization. It provides training both for students interested in an academic career in anthropology and for those concerned with practical issues approached from the integrative perspective of anthropology.

The department, in cooperation with the Milwaukee Public Museum, also offers a program leading to a Certificate in Museum Studies. The Milwaukee Public Museum, the fourth largest natural history museum in the country, is the site for methods courses that provide the student practical experience in museum work and for courses in the history and theory of museum exhibits. Each student's program of studies includes training in anthropological theory and methods, issues and problems in cultural anthropology, archaeology, anthropological linguistics and physical anthropology, as well as topics that focus on the student's area of particular interest.

Admission Requirements

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found by using the One Stop calendars (https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines).

Admission

An applicant must meet Graduate School requirements (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/admission) plus these departmental requirements to be considered for admission to the program:

1. An undergraduate major in anthropology comparable to that at UWM.
2. Three letters of recommendation.
3. A writing sample such as a relevant term paper, article submission, etc.
4. Submission of scores from the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/admission/#gre).

Applicants without an undergraduate major in anthropology can meet the first requirement in either of two ways:

1. By having completed junior-level courses in three of the four subfields of anthropology (archaeology, biological anthropology, cultural anthropology, or linguistics) with grades of B or better. These courses may be taken at any accredited college or university if they were not part of the applicant's undergraduate career. Applicants also may take them as special students at UWM. Applicants planning to take such courses should check with the Director of Graduate Studies to verify that the courses will be acceptable.
2. Applicants lacking courses in anthropology may be admitted to the program and be allowed to take the core classes and advanced seminars without deficiencies under certain conditions. For example, an applicant with an outstanding GPA or very high GRE (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/admission/#gre) scores who has an undergraduate major closely related to his or her proposed field of specialization could be admitted under this option.

Students are expected to satisfy deficiency requirements within three semesters of enrolling in the program. Deficiencies are monitored by the Graduate School and the Director of Graduate Studies. No course credits earned in making up deficiencies may be counted as program credits required for the degree.

Application deadlines for admission to the program are January 15th for the following Fall semester and September 15th for the following Spring semester. Applicants requesting financial assistance may have other deadlines to be considered eligible. Contact the department's Director of Graduate Studies for specific financial aid deadlines.

Credits and Courses

Students in the Master's degree program in Anthropology are required to take a minimum of 30 credits, some of which are obtained by taking required courses. Required courses differ by concentration (requirements for students seeking to acquire a Certificate in Museum Studies are listed on that page).

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Or an alternative approved by the advisor and the Director of Graduate Studies

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students may request a waiver for any of the above required courses except the advanced seminar. to request a waiver, a student must submit a letter to the graduate studies committee. requests must be accompanied by documentation demonstrating that the student is competent in the subject area of the course for which the waiver is sought. a waived course must be replaced by an anthropology course numbered 700 or above.

students must maintain a B (3.0) average or better overall. the three core courses must be completed with an average of 3.0 or better. students with a grade below a B in a core course subsequently accepted into the Ph.D. program must retake the course until they achieve a grade of B or better.

A thesis is required of all students; students may apply up to 6 credits of research/thesis courses toward meeting the minimum credits for the degree. the thesis must be formatted in accord with graduate school requirements. students will submit an electronic copy of the thesis to the graduate school and a signed, unbound “hard” copy to the department of anthropology.

program requirements

major professor as advisor

the student must have a major professor to advise and supervise the student’s studies as specified in graduate school regulations. a student selects an advisor, in consultation with the director of graduate studies, by the end of the first semester of the program.

thesis defense

The student must pass an oral thesis defense. the examination committee must consist of at least three individuals, with a majority being members of the anthropology department.

Time Limit

The student must complete all degree requirements within five years of initial enrollment.