

ANTHROPOLOGY, PHD

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 the following departmental requirements to be considered for admission to the program:

1. A general master's degree in anthropology or equivalent preparation without the master's degree. An applicant with a master's degree in another field may be admitted if the student has a grade point average of 3.0 (4.0 scale) in graduate work and is approved by the departmental Graduate Admissions Committee.
2. Reason Statement.
3. Three letters of recommendation.
4. A writing sample such as a relevant term paper, article submission, etc.

Applicants are accepted into the PhD program only if a faculty member agrees to serve as major professor. Applicants are encouraged to contact the faculty member they wish to work with prior to applying to the program. The applicant's statement of purpose should identify their proposed major professor.

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 graduate advisor for specific financial aid deadlines.

Reapplication

A student who receives the master's degree must formally reapply for admission to the Graduate School before continuing studies toward the PhD.

Credits and Courses

Minimum degree requirement is 54 graduate credits beyond the bachelor's degree, at least 27 of which must be earned in residence at UWM. A student lacking any of the courses (or equivalents taken elsewhere) required to attain a Master's degree in their major area of concentration must complete these courses as part of their PhD work.

Code	Title	Credits
Core		
ANTHRO 801	A Survey of Physical Anthropology	3
ANTHRO 802	Perspectives on Prehistory	3
ANTHRO 803	Survey of Cultural Anthropology	3
Methods		
Select one of the following:		3
ANTHRO 380	Anthropological Applications of GIS	
ANTHRO 501	Archaeology of Death	
ANTHRO 525	Zooarchaeology: Analysis of Faunal Remains	
ANTHRO 535	Analysis of Archaeological Ceramics	
ANTHRO 560	Introduction to Research Methods in Anthropology	
ANTHRO 561	Techniques and Problems in Ethnography	
ANTHRO 562	Techniques and Problems in Archaeology	
ANTHRO 566	Archaeological Analysis and Report Preparation:	
ANTHRO 567	Archaeological Field School	
ANTHRO 568	Introduction to Anthropological Statistics	
ANTHRO 768	Topics in Advanced Research Design in Anthropology	
Other courses with the approval of the advisor and Director of Graduate Studies		
Advanced Seminar		
Select one of the following:		3
ANTHRO 940	Seminar in Problems in Cultural Anthropology:	
ANTHRO 942	Seminar in Prehistory and Archaeology:	
Other courses with the approval of the advisor and Director of Graduate Studies		
Foreign Language/Specialization		
A foreign language or specialized scholarly skill		
Total Credits		15

Foreign Language or Specialized Scholarly Skill

The candidate may satisfy this requirement by demonstrating one of the following:

- Proficiency in a foreign language useful in the student's career.
- Proficiency in mathematical, statistical, or computer skills.
- Proficiency in other skills that meet departmental approval.

Additional Requirements

Doctoral Preliminary Examination and Dissertation Proposal Defense

The candidate must pass an oral doctoral preliminary examination as one of the qualifications for achieving dissertator status. Candidates choose two to four topics in consultation with their advisor for the Preliminary Examination. The topics must be broader than, but related to, the focus of the candidate's proposed dissertation research. The topics must be approved by the Department's Graduate Studies Committee and the Department faculty. The preliminary examination must be passed within five years of initial enrollment for a student to be eligible to continue in the program.

The candidate must pass a formal dissertation proposal hearing prior to starting dissertation research.

Dissertation

The candidate must prepare a dissertation reporting in the candidate's own style the results of an original research investigation representing a substantive creative contribution.

The dissertation must be formatted in accord with Graduate School requirements. Students will submit an electronic copy of the dissertation to the Graduate School and a signed, unbound "hard" copy to the Department of Anthropology.

Dissertation Defense

As the final step toward the degree, the candidate must pass an oral examination before their doctoral committee in defense of the dissertation.

Residence

The student must meet minimum Graduate School residence requirements.

Time Limit

All degree requirements must be completed within ten years from the date of initial enrollment in the doctoral program.

Anthropology PhD Learning Outcomes

Students graduating from the Anthropology PhD program will be able to:

- Demonstrate mastery of major theoretical and methodological approaches in biological anthropology, anthropological archaeology, and sociocultural anthropology. (Anthropological Concepts)
 - Design and undertake original research to investigate a significant research problem using appropriate anthropological methods that makes a demonstrable contribution to the subfield. (Research Design/Ability)
 - Produce a dissertation fit for public dissemination that formulates a research problem and results in terms of anthropological theory and reflects on the strengths and weaknesses of the research, including suggestions for future research. (Written Communication)
 - Explain the research questions, methods, and outcomes of their research in the public forum of a dissertation defense. (Oral Communication)
 - Share anthropological information effectively through teaching, professional presentations, or outreach to non-anthropological audiences. (Educational Abilities)
- Follow ethical principles appropriate to relevant subfields when undertaking research and in educational and professional contexts. (Ethics)