ANTHROPOLOGY

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Major: Anthropology
Degrees offered: M.A., Ph.D.
Graduate Concentration: Second Language Acquisition and Teacher
Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/slate) (Ph.D. only)

Graduate Minor: Museum Studies

Medical Scholars Program: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Anthropology
and Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) through the Medical Scholars Program
(https://www.med.illinois.edu/mdphd).

Graduate Degree Programs
The Department of Anthropology offers graduate programs leading to the
Master of Arts and the Doctor of Philosophy degrees. We generally do
not accept students for a terminal M.A.

Admission
Students without the equivalent of the department's undergraduate
concentration may be admitted to either degree program, but they
may be required to make up any deficiencies in their anthropological
backgrounds. In addition to the Graduate College admission
requirements, students are required to submit Graduate Record
Examination (GRE) scores. Students whose native language is not
English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language
(Toefl) (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/instructions/04c), with
minimum scores set by the Graduate College. Students are admitted for
the fall term only.

Students wishing to pursue the minor in Museum Studies must be in
good standing in the graduate program of an academic department,
and must apply for acceptance into the minor. Admission to the minor
is contingent upon approval of the student’s home department and the
Museum Studies Steering Committee. Students may apply to the minor
during the first week of the fall and spring semesters in any academic
year, and should contact the Museum Studies Program Coordinator for
application instructions or more information.

Degree Requirements
Each subfield (Archaeology, Biological Anthropology, and Sociocultural/
Linguistic Anthropology) requires a specific set of courses for graduation.
Achieving doctoral candidacy in all three subfields entails passing
(a) language (and/or skill) exam(s), (b) passing a set of preliminary
examinations, and (c) successfully submitting a predissertation paper,
and/or a doctoral proposal, all to be defended in an oral examination. For
specific details and requirements for admission to and navigation of the
Ph.D. program, please refer to the Anthropology Department Graduate
Programs Handbook (http://www.anthro.illinois.edu/programs/graduate/
resources/AnthGradHandbook.pdf) and the University of Illinois Graduate
College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

Medical Scholars Program
The Medical Scholars Program permits highly qualified students to
integrate the study of medicine with study for a graduate degree in a
second discipline, including Anthropology. Students may apply to the
Medical Scholars Program prior to beginning graduate school or while
in the graduate program. Applicants to the Medical Scholars Program
must meet the admissions standards for and be accepted into both
the doctoral graduate program and the College of Medicine. Students
in the dual degree program must meet the specific requirements for
both the medical and graduate degrees. On average, students take eight
years to complete both degrees. Further information on this program
is available by contacting the Medical Scholars Program, 125 Medical
Sciences Building, (217) 333-8146, or at www.med.illinois.edu/msp
(http://www.med.illinois.edu/msp).

Graduate Teaching Experience
Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement,
the Anthropology Department recognizes the importance of teaching
experience as part of a graduate education. Most Anthropology graduate
students will have the opportunity to work as teaching assistants, to
learn to design their own classes, and possibly teach their own classes.

Faculty Research Interests and Facilities
Courses and individualized study provide broad coverage of sociocultural,
linguistic, archaeological, and physical anthropology. The department
provides special emphases in the analyses of state ideologies and
cultural transformations; complex societies in transition; kinship and
gender relations; politics, economics, and business studies; social
movements and youth; border studies, criminalities, violence, and
security; religion, race, and ethnicity; democracy, governance, and
policing; social classification; performance and embodiment; food and
environment; language and culture; discourse and narrative analysis;
transnationalism and diasporas; human evolution; agricultural origins
and development; landscape histories and heritage; hunter-gatherer
adaptations; climate change and sustainability; diet and nutrition;
paleoecology and paleobiology; evolutionary genetics; population
genetics; peopling of the Americas; ancient DNA; biomechanics of
locomotion; exercise and neurobiology; functional morphology;
comparative and analytical osteology; forensics; demography;
immunology; evolutionary medicine; microbe-host interaction;
reproductive ecology; female reproductive physiology; conservation; and
nonhuman primate evolution, morphology, behavior, and ecology. The
department’s research facilities include laboratories for archaeology, GIS
and spatial computing, faunal analysis, casting, stable-isotope analysis,
ethnography, ancient DNA, skeletal biology, locomotion and motion
analysis, and endocrinology.

Departmental funds and a grant from the National Science Foundation,
as well as from area studies centers, are available for graduate students’
summer field research. An archaeology field school is held at various
locations in Illinois and outside of the US (location varies from year to
year). Graduate student programs are enriched by close departmental
relationships with the various interdisciplinary units, including area
studies centers on campus (African, East Asian and Pacific, European
Union, Latin America and Caribbean, Russian and East European; South
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies), the ethnic and gender studies units
(the American Indian Studies Program and the departments of African-
American Studies, Asian American Studies, Gender and Women’s Studies,
and Latina/Latino Studies), along with the Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program, Spurlock Museum, the Museum of Natural History, Krannert Art Museum, the Institute for Genomic Biology, and the Program in Ancient Technologies and Archaeological Materials.

Agreements between the University and various governments and institutes facilitate research in many nations. Training is available in various languages (some with funding available), including Arabic, Bengali, Burmese, Chinese, Hausa, Hebrew, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Quechua, Lingala, Russian, Shona, Swahili, Thai, and Urdu. Students have ready access to the extensive computer facilities of the University and to the department’s facilities.

Financial Aid

University fellowships, Graduate College fellowships for under-represented minorities, and teaching and research assistantships provide variable levels of funding for most graduate students who do not hold external awards. Tuition and service fee waivers accompany most fellowships and assistantships. Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships are available through various area centers. University of Illinois public archaeology programs, including the Illinois State Archaeological Survey and the Public Service Archaeology and Architecture Program, have provided support and research employment for graduate students in the past, as has the U.S. Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratory in Champaign.

Master of Arts in Anthropology

The master's degree can be a first stage toward the doctorate or may be used by students wishing to apply knowledge of anthropology to a related field. Candidates must present a thesis or paper in lieu of a thesis acceptable to their advisers and another member of the graduate faculty within the department.

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Total Hours 32

Other Requirements

Other requirements may overlap

Minimum Hours Required Within the Unit: 8 at the 500 level
Minimum Hours Required Within the Unit: 12
Minimum GPA: 3.0

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Non-Thesis Option

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Total Hours 32

Other Requirements

Other requirements may overlap

Minimum Hours Required Within the Unit: 8 at the 500 level

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Doctor of Philosophy in Anthropology

The preliminary examination consists of a pre-dissertation research paper, a proposal for doctoral research, and a written examination designed by the student’s doctoral committee followed by a two-hour oral examination. The final examination is a defense of the doctoral thesis. Fieldwork is strongly recommended, although not required.

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Language Requirement: High proficiency in one, or reading ability in two, foreign languages is required. Statistics, computer modeling, or similar expertise, however, may be used in lieu of one foreign language.

ANTH 599 Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree) 0-32

Total Hours 96

Other Requirements

Other requirements may overlap

Masters Degree Required for Admission to PhD? No
Qualifying Exam Required Yes
Preliminary Exam Required Yes
Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required
Dissertation Deposit Required Yes
Minimum GPA: 3.0

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Graduate Minor in Museum Studies

The Graduate Minor in Museum Studies is designed for MA and PhD students who wish to complement their degree program with interdisciplinary study of the theory, organization and management of museums and museum collections. The program offers broad coverage of different disciplines’ approaches to museum theory, and practice, including interdisciplinary perspectives from Anthropology, Art History, Landscape Architecture, History, Education, and Library and Information Sciences. The program also focuses on the collaborative, international and multicultural nature of museum work in curating, researching and communicating the tangible and intangible evidence of people and their environment. Students acquire the applied theory required to successfully work on, with or in museums. Students may tailor the minor to their career goals by choosing among electives that emphasize different theoretical and technical aspects of museum studies.
The student must participate in a capstone experience consisting of an approved museum-based internship, museum-related project or museum-related research paper. Every student must provide a product of this experience in the form of either a formal professional presentation or a written document. If a student chooses to write their MS thesis or PhD dissertation on a museum topic, this will fulfill (but is not required for) the capstone experience, provided that a member of the Museum Studies Steering Committee is a formal member of the student’s thesis or dissertation committee. Student may receive academic credit for their capstone experience through their home department or MUSE 590.

Total Hours 16

Other Requirements  

Minimum 500-level Hours Required 8

Overall

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