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/slstate) (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/msp).

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/)

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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 underrepresented 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.

Thesis Option

ANTH 599 Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree) 4

Total Hours 32

Other Requirements ¹

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

ANTH 590 Dissertation Readings (4 min) 4

Total Hours 32

Other Requirements ¹

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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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.

Master’s degree or equivalent number of hours 32
Electives 32

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 ¹

Other requirements may overlap

Masters Degree Required for Admission to PhD? No
Qualifying Exam Required No
Preliminary Exam Required Yes
Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required Yes
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.

MUSE 500 Core Prob Museum Theory & Prac 4
Electives from an approved list of museum-related courses, at least one of which must be at the 500-level. 12
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 1

Minimum 500-level Hours Required 8
Overall

In addition to the minor requirements, students must also complete the requirements of their major degree.

Hours counted toward completion of a minor may not also be applied toward any other transcripted credential.

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