ANTHROPOLOGY, MA

for the 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. We do not offer a terminal MA at this time and so this degree is typically only conferred to students already in our PhD program.

Graduate Degree Programs in Anthropology

Anthropology, MA (p. 1)
Anthropology, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/anthropology-phd/)
optional concentration: Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/second-language-acquisition-teacher-education/)
Museum Studies Graduate Minor (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/minors/museum-studies/)

Admission

We do not admit MA students at this time but offer the MA for those already-enrolled PhD students who wish to get an MA over the course of their studies.

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For additional details and requirements refer to the department and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/).

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Other Requirements

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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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1. Skills for independent research. Graduate students will acquire professional-level research and reasoning skills to identify important research problems and to subsequently design, execute, and clearly report the results of independent research programs.

2. Subfield-specific expertise. Our program encompasses the four fields of anthropology, while our core curriculum grounds the separate graduate trajectories. Graduate students should develop an in-depth understanding of the differences and similarities of people through a combination of technical skills, language abilities, and theoretical approaches relevant to their chosen expertise.

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3. **Contributions to discipline.** Graduate students will develop their intellectual skills to contribute to the discipline through service, research, teaching, and publishing.

4. **Ethical and professional standards.** Graduate students will abide by accepted ethical standards of professional anthropological conduct.

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