



Twin Cities Campus

Anthropology M.A.

Anthropology

College of Liberal Arts

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2017
- Length of program in credits: 30
- This program requires summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Master of Arts

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The anthropology MA degree is offered with a focus on cultural heritage management (CHM). It is a two-year program, which can be completed with or without a thesis, designed for students who wish to pursue a career in heritage management archaeology in non-academic settings. Our aim is to train students in anthropological perspectives on the issues of heritage management, broadly defining heritage as materials and practices remaining from the past. This perspective ranges from the abstract understanding of how heritage is construed, valued and used, to the more concrete methods for archaeological analysis, site protection (especially in the legal framework), outreach and education in concert with stakeholder communities and the wider public.

This program draws additional strength from a wide variety of heritage-related departments and programs that students may work with, including Architecture, Public History, Museum Studies, Landscape Architecture, Geography, the Tourism Center, the River Life program, and many more. Both on-campus and in the greater Twin Cities area, there are a tremendous number of museums, archives, history centers and sites, heritage preservation non-profits and agencies where students may gain practical experiences and contacts in the professional worlds.

Note: The Department of Anthropology admits students for the master's degree only in cultural heritage management, although in some cases students admitted to the PhD program complete a master's degree as they work toward the PhD.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.00.

Other requirements to be completed before admission:

For the cultural heritage management focus of the anthropology MA program, students with a background in anthropology or archaeology are preferred because of the two-year nature of the program and the demanding final oral examination. Likewise, students with field and/or laboratory experience are preferred because of the nature of the competencies that structure the program.

Nonetheless, all applicants who wish to pursue the cultural heritage management focus are considered, and students with little or no background in anthropology or archaeology are accepted depending on interest and training. These students may be required to make up specified deficiencies during their program.

Special Application Requirements:

Three letters of recommendation and scores from the General test of the GRE should be sent to the director of graduate studies. Students are admitted for fall semester only; the deadline for all materials is February 15.

Applicants must submit their test score(s) from the following:

- GRE

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL



- Internet Based - Total Score: 100
- Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
- Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
- Paper Based - Total Score: 600

- IELTS

- Total Score: 7

- MELAB

- Final score: 84

Key to [test abbreviations](#)(GRE, TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Plan A: Plan A requires 14 major credits, 6 credits outside the major, and 10 thesis credits. The final exam is oral.

Plan B: Plan B requires 14 major credits and 6 credits outside the major. The final exam is oral. A capstone project is required.

Capstone Project: The Plan B project is a demonstration of familiarity with the tools of research or scholarship in the graduate student's area of study, the ability to work independently, and the ability to present the results of their investigation effectively, by completing at least one Plan B project, though advisors may require as many as three such projects. The norm in anthropology is two to three projects. Master's-level projects are often the result of work carried out in a seminar or course (e.g., a paper), and are generally polished in a directed reading or research course. Plan B project(s) should involve a combined total of approximately 120 hours of work. With the approval of their advisors, graduate students have considerable flexibility in defining the nature of their Plan B project(s).

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

A minimum GPA of 2.80 is required for students to remain in good standing.

Concentrations

Sociocultural Anthropology

Required Core Courses

- [ANTH 8001](#) - Ethnography, Theory, History (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 8002](#) - Ethnography: Contemporary Theory and Practice (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 8203](#) - Research Methods in Social and Cultural Anthropology (3.0 cr)

Major Electives

Take 5 or more credit(s) from the following:

- ANTH 5xxx
- ANTH 8xxx
- or other 5xxx or 8xxx level that is approved by advisor and director of Graduate Studies.

-OR-

Biological Anthropology

Required Core Courses

- [ANTH 8111](#) - Evolutionary Morphology (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 8112](#) - Reconstructing Hominin Behavior (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 8213](#) - Ecological Anthropology (3.0 cr)

Major Electives

Take 5 or more credit(s) from the following:

- ANTH 5xxx
- ANTH 8xxx
- or other 5xxx or 8xxx level that is approved by advisor and director of Graduate Studies.

-OR-

Archaeology

Required Core Courses

- [ANTH 8002](#) - Ethnography: Contemporary Theory and Practice (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 8004](#) - Foundations of Anthropological Archaeology (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 8230](#) - Anthropological Research Design (3.0 cr)

**Methods Course**

Take 3 or more credit(s) from the following:

- [ANTH 5269](#) - Analysis of Stone Tool Technology (4.0 cr)
- [ANTH 5444](#) - Archaeological Ceramics (4.0 cr)
- [ANTH 5403](#) - Quantitative Methods in Biological Anthropology (4.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4101](#) - Decolonizing Archives (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 5402](#) - Zooarchaeology Laboratory (3.0 cr)

Major Electives

Take 2 or more credit(s) from the following:

- ANTH 5xxx
- ANTH 8xxx
- or other 5xxx or 8xxx level that is approved by advisor and director of Graduate Studies.

-OR-

Cultural Heritage Management**Required Core Courses**

[ANTH 8004](#) - Foundations of Anthropological Archaeology (3.0 cr)

Additional Required Course

Take 3 or more credit(s) from the following:

- [ANTH 5448](#) - Applied Heritage Management (3.0 cr)
- [MST 5011](#) - Museum History and Philosophy (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 5601](#) - Archaeology and Native Americans [DSJ] (3.0 cr)

Major Electives

Take 8 or more credit(s) from the following:

- ANTH 5xxx
- ANTH 8xxx
- or other 5xxx or 8xxx level that is approved by advisor and director of Graduate Studies.