Twin Cities Campus

Anthropology Ph.D.

Anthropology

College of Liberal Arts

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

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- Program Type: Doctorate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2019
- Length of program in credits: 60
- This program requires summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

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 Department of Anthropology offers graduate education in sociocultural and linguistic anthropology, archaeology, and biological anthropology. The program admits students only for the PhD, although some students do earn a master's degree as part of their PhD program.

Major areas of faculty research and graduate student training in sociocultural and linguistic anthropology include art and visual culture, critical theory, cultures of capitalism, discourse and power, experimental writing, gender and sexuality, medical anthropology, memory and haunting, multi-species ethnography, new materialisms, philosophical anthropology, science and technology studies, sovereignty and the state, and temporality and futurity. Regional specializations include Europe, the Pacific, the Middle East, North America, the Caribbean, East Asia, and South Asia.

The program in archaeology applies social and ecological theories to produce new anthropological insights into the roles of material culture and the environment in indigenous, prehistoric, and historical contexts. Our archaeologists apply a range of scientific methods in the field and the laboratory to understand human-environmental interactions in the past, and to advance knowledge of landscape and site formation processes. Regional specializations include Europe, Asia, Latin America, and North America.

The program in biological anthropology offers training and research opportunities in two main areas: paleoanthropology and behavioral ecology. The paleoanthropology specialty combines biological anthropology and Paleolithic archaeology in the reconstruction of the evolution and behavior of primates, including hominins, through the application of evolutionary theory to the analysis of skeletal morphology, faunal remains, site taphonomy, and lithic technology. The behavioral ecology specialty involves the study of the behavior and ecology of living primate species, including humans, through field studies and the analysis of long-term data. Regional specializations include Africa, Southwest Asia, Central Asia, and Europe.

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 3.30.

A bachelor of arts degree or equivalent is required for admission.

Special Application Requirements:
Three letters of recommendation and scores from the General test of the GRE should be submitted along with your application. Admission is for fall semester only; the deadline for all materials is December 1.

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

- GRE

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

- TOEFL

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- 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

24 credits are required in the major.
12 credits are required outside the major.
24 thesis credits are required.

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 3.00 is required for students to remain in good standing.

At least 2 semesters must be completed before filing a Degree Program Form.

Coursework offered on both the A/F and S/N grade basis must be taken A/F, with a minimum grade of B earned for each course.

Language requirements depend upon student's special area of research.

Outside Coursework (12 credits)

Select 12 credits in consultation with the advisor. Course options are not limited to this list. Other courses can be applied to this requirement with approval by the advisor and director of graduate studies.

AMIN 5890 - Readings in American Indian and Indigenous History (3.0 cr)
AMST 8920 - Topics in American Studies (3.0 cr)
ANAT 5095 - Advanced Problems in Anatomy (1.0 - 6.0 cr)
ANAT 5150 - Human Gross Anatomy (5.0 cr)
ARCH 5671 - Historic Preservation (3.0 cr)
ARCH 5673 - Historic Property Research and Documentation (3.0 cr)
ARTS 5760 - Experimental Film and Video (4.0 cr)
BTHX 5210 - Ethics of Human Subjects Research (3.0 cr)
CGSC 8041 - Cognitive Neuroscience (4.0 cr)
CL 8910 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
CLA 8000 - Topics in Graduate Studies (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
CNRC 5993 - Directed Studies (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
COMM 5211 - Critical Media Studies: Theory and Methods (3.0 cr)
CVM 6908 - Anatomy II (3.0 cr)
EEB 5371 - Principles of Systematics (3.0 cr)
EEB 5407 - Ecology (3.0 cr)
EEB 8201 - Graduate Foundations in Ecology, Evolution and Behavior Semester 1 (4.0 cr)
EEB 8202 - Graduate Foundations in Ecology, Evolution and Behavior - Semester 2 (4.0 cr)
EEB 8990 - Graduate Seminar (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
EEB 8991 - Independent Study: Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior (1.0 - 10.0 cr)
ENGL 5300 - Readings in American Minority Literature (3.0 cr)
ENGL 8400 - Seminar in Post-Colonial Literature, Culture, and Theory (3.0 cr)
EPSY 8264 - Advanced Multiple Regression Analysis (3.0 cr)
ESCI 5302 - Isotope Geology (3.0 cr)
ESPM 5031 - Applied Global Positioning Systems for Geographic Information Systems (3.0 cr)
FNRM 5262 - Remote Sensing and Geospatial Analysis of Natural Resources and Environment (3.0 cr)
FREN 8240 - Critical Issues: French and Francophone Cinema (3.0 cr)
GEOG 5511 - Principles of Cartography (4.0 cr)
GEOG 5561 - Principles of Geographic Information Science (4.0 cr)

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GEOG 8230 - Theoretical Geography (3.0 cr)
GEOG 8260 - Seminar: Physical Geography (2.0 cr)
GEOG 8980 - Topics: Geography (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
GIS 5571 - ArcGIS I (3.0 cr)
GIS 5577 - Spatial Database Design and Administration (3.0 cr)
GIS 5590 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
GRAD 8101 - Teaching in Higher Education (3.0 cr)
GRAD 8200 - Teaching and Learning Topics in Higher Education (1.0 cr)
GSD 8001 - Approaches to Textual Analysis (3.0 cr)
GWSS 8109 - Feminist Knowledge Production (3.0 cr)
GWSS 8220 - Seminar: Science, Technology & Environmental Justice (3.0 cr)
GWSS 8250 - Seminar: Nation, State, and Citizenship (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
HIST 5547 - Empire and Nations in the Middle East (3.0 cr)
HIST 5890 - Readings in American Indian and Indigenous History (3.0 cr)
HIST 5910 - Topics in U.S. History (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
HIST 8015 - Scope and Methods of Historical Studies (3.0 cr)
HIST 8910 - Topics in U.S. History (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
HIST 8920 - Topics in African History (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
HIST 8950 - Topics in Latin American History (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
HIST 8960 - Topics in History (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
HMED 8113 - Research Methods in the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine (3.0 cr)
HSPH 8001 - Who Owns the Past? Common Concerns and Big Questions in Heritage and Public History (3.0 cr)
HSPH 8003 - Race and Indigeneity in Heritage Representation (3.0 cr)
HSPH 8006 - Digital Methods for Heritage Studies & Public History (3.0 cr)
LAW 6063 - Law and Neuroscience (2.0 cr)
MST 5011 - Museum History and Philosophy (3.0 cr)
OBIO 8012 - Basic Concepts in Skeletal Biology (2.0 cr)
PHIL 8602 - Scientific Representation and Explanation (3.0 cr)
POL 8260 - Topics in Political Theory (3.0 cr)
PUBH 6450 - Biostatistics I (4.0 cr)
PUBH 7475 - Statistical Learning and Data Mining (3.0 cr)
STAT 5021 - Statistical Analysis (4.0 cr)
TH 8120 - Seminar (3.0 cr)

Thesis Credits

Take 24 doctoral thesis credits.
ANTH 8888 - Thesis Credit: Doctoral (1.0 - 24.0 cr)

Concentration Areas

Sociocultural Anthropology (24 credits)

Students must take at least one 8-level seminar in Anthropology both fall and spring semester the first year of study.

Required Core Courses (9 credits)

Take the following 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 Elective Courses (15 credits)

Select at least 15 credits from the following in consultation with the advisor. Other courses can be applied to this requirement with approval by the advisor and director of graduate studies.
ANTH 5008 - Advanced Flintknapping (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5009 - Human Behavioral Biology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5015W - Biology, Evolution, and Cultural Development of Language & Music [SOCS, WI] (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5021W - Anthropology of the Middle East [SOCS, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5027W - Archaeology of Prehistoric Europe [HIS, WI] (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5028 - Historical Archaeology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5041 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
ANTH 5045W - Urban Anthropology [WI] (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5112 - Reconstructing Hominin Behavior (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5113 - Primate Evolution (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5121 - Business Anthropology (2.0 cr)
ANTH 5128 - Anthropology of Education (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5221 - Anthropology of Material Culture (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5244 - Interpreting Ancient Bone (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5255 - Archaeology of Ritual and Religion (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5269 - Analysis of Stone Tool Technology (4.0 cr)

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ANTH 5327W - Inca, Aztec & Maya Civilizations [HIS, WI] (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5401 - The Human Fossil Record (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5402 - Zooarchaeology Laboratory (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5403 - Quantitative Methods in Biological Anthropology (4.0 cr)
ANTH 5405 - Human Skeletal Analysis (4.0 cr)
ANTH 5412 - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5442 - Archaeology of the British Isles (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5448 - Applied Heritage Management (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5450 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
ANTH 5501 - Managing Museum Collections (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5601 - Archaeology and Native Americans [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5980 - Topics in Anthropology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8004 - Foundations of Anthropological Archaeology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8005 - Linguistic Anthropology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8009 - Prehistoric Pathways to World Civilizations (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8111 - Evolutionary Morphology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8112 - Reconstructing Hominin Behavior (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8113 - Primate Evolution (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8114 - Biological Anthropology Graduate Program Seminar: Behavioral Ecology of Primates (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8120 - Problems in Culture Change and Applied Anthropology (3.0 - 6.0 cr)
ANTH 8201 - Humans and Nonhumans: Hybrids and Collectives (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8205 - Economic Anthropology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8207 - Political and Social Anthropology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8213 - Ecological Anthropology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8215 - Anthropology of Gender (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8219 - Grant Writing (2.0 cr)
ANTH 8220 - Field School (6.0 cr)
ANTH 8223 - Anthropology of Place & Space (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8230 - Anthropological Research Design (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8244 - Interpreting Ancient Bone (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8510 - Topics in Archaeology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8810 - Topics in Sociocultural Anthropology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8980 - Anthropology Graduate Workshop (1.0 cr)
ANTH 8991 - Independent Study (1.0 - 18.0 cr)
ANTH 8992 - Directed Reading (1.0 - 18.0 cr)
ANTH 8993 - Directed Study (1.0 - 18.0 cr)
ANTH 8994 - Directed Research (1.0 - 18.0 cr)

-OR-

Biological Anthropology (24 credits)

Students must take at least one 8-level seminar in Anthropology both fall and spring semester the first year of study.

Required Core Courses (9 credits)

Take the following courses:
ANTH 8111 - Evolutionary Morphology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8112 - Reconstructing Hominin Behavior (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8114 - Biological Anthropology Graduate Program Seminar: Behavioral Ecology of Primates (3.0 cr)

Major Elective Courses (15 credits)

Select at least 15 credits from the following in consultation with the advisor. Other courses can be applied to this requirement with approval by the advisor and director of graduate studies.
ANTH 5008 - Advanced Flintknapping (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5009 - Human Behavioral Biology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5015W - Biology, Evolution, and Cultural Development of Language & Music [SOCS, WI] (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5021W - Anthropology of the Middle East [SOCS, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5027W - Archaeology of Prehistoric Europe [HIS, WI] (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5028 - Historical Archaeology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5041 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
ANTH 5045W - Urban Anthropology [WI] (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5112 - Reconstructing Hominin Behavior (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5113 - Primate Evolution (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5121 - Business Anthropology (2.0 cr)
ANTH 5128 - Anthropology of Education (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5221 - Anthropology of Material Culture (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5244 - Interpreting Ancient Bone (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5255 - Archaeology of Ritual and Religion (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5269 - Analysis of Stone Tool Technology (4.0 cr)
ANTH 5327W - Inca, Aztec & Maya Civilizations [HIS, WI] (3.0 cr)

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ANTH 5401 - The Human Fossil Record (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5402 - Zooarchaeology Laboratory (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5403 - Quantitative Methods in Biological Anthropology (4.0 cr)
ANTH 5405 - Human Skeletal Analysis (4.0 cr)
ANTH 5412 - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5442 - Archaeology of the British Isles (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5448 - Applied Heritage Management (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5450 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
ANTH 5501 - Managing Museum Collections (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5601 - Archaeology and Native Americans [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5980 - Topics in Anthropology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8001 - Ethnography, Theory, History (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8002 - Ethnography: Contemporary Theory and Practice (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8004 - Foundations of Anthropological Archaeology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8005 - Linguistic Anthropology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8009 - Prehistoric Pathways to World Civilizations (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8113 - Primate Evolution (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8120 - Problems in Culture Change and Applied Anthropology (3.0 - 6.0 cr)
ANTH 8201 - Humans and Nonhumans: Hybrids and Collectives (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8203 - Research Methods in Social and Cultural Anthropology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8205 - Economic Anthropology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8207 - Political and Social Anthropology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8213 - Ecological Anthropology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8215 - Anthropology of Gender (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8219 - Grant Writing (2.0 cr)
ANTH 8220 - Field School (6.0 cr)
ANTH 8223 - Anthropology of Place & Space (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8230 - Anthropological Research Design (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8244 - Interpreting Ancient Bone (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8510 - Topics in Archaeology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8810 - Topics in Sociocultural Anthropology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8980 - Anthropology Graduate Workshop (1.0 cr)
ANTH 8991 - Independent Study (1.0 - 18.0 cr)
ANTH 8992 - Directed Reading (1.0 - 18.0 cr)
ANTH 8993 - Directed Study (1.0 - 18.0 cr)
ANTH 8994 - Directed Research (1.0 - 18.0 cr)

-OR-

Archaeology (24 credits)

Students must take at least one 8-level seminar in Anthropology both fall and spring semester the first year of study.

Required Core Courses (9 credits)

Take the following courses:
ANTH 8004 - Foundations of Anthropological Archaeology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8009 - Prehistoric Pathways to World Civilizations (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8230 - Anthropological Research Design (3.0 cr)

Methods Course (3 credits)

Select at least 3 credits from the following in consultation with the advisor. Additional courses taken from this list can be applied towards the Major Electives requirement.
ANTH 4101 - Decolonizing Archives (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5269 - Analysis of Stone Tool Technology (4.0 cr)
ANTH 5402 - Zooarchaeology Laboratory (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5403 - Quantitative Methods in Biological Anthropology (4.0 cr)
ANTH 5450 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)

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Archaeology Major Electives Courses (12 credits)

Select at least 12 credits from the following in consultation with the advisor. Other courses can be applied to this requirement with approval by the advisor and director of graduate studies.
ANTH 5008 - Advanced Flintknapping (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5009 - Human Behavioral Biology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5015W - Biology, Evolution, and Cultural Development of Language & Music [SOCS, WI] (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5021W - Anthropology of the Middle East [SOCS, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5027W - Archaeology of Prehistoric Europe [HIS, WI] (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5028 - Historical Archaeology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5041 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
ANTH 5045W - Urban Anthropology [WI] (3.0 cr)

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ANTH 5112 - Reconstructing Hominin Behavior (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5113 - Primate Evolution (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5121 - Business Anthropology (2.0 cr)
ANTH 5128 - Anthropology of Education (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5221 - Anthropology of Material Culture (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5244 - Interpreting Ancient Bone (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5255 - Archaeology of Ritual and Religion (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5269 - Analysis of Stone Tool Technology (4.0 cr)
ANTH 5327W - Inca, Aztec & Maya Civilizations [HIS, WI] (3.0 cr)
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ANTH 5448 - Applied Heritage Management (3.0 cr)
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ANTH 8205 - Economic Anthropology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8207 - Political and Social Anthropology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8213 - Ecological Anthropology (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8215 - Anthropology of Gender (3.0 cr)
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