

# M.A. in Anthropology

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## Description

The M.A. in anthropology prepares a student to do original anthropological research. Graduates may seek research positions in anthropology or pursue doctoral studies.

## Minimum Total Credit Hours: 30

## Course Requirements

The M.A. in anthropology requires 24 semester hours of graduate course work and a minimum of 6 hours of thesis credit. At least half of the courses must be taken at the 600 level. The 24 course hours must include Quantitative Methods in Anthropology (Anth 572), Anthropological Theory and Methods (Anth 601), Seminar in Cultural Anthropology (Anth 606), Seminar in Biocultural Anthropology (Anth 607), and Seminar in Archaeology (Anth 608).

## Other Academic Requirements

During the first two years, students participate in seminars, which review the entire field of anthropology and prepare them for a two-day comprehensive exam. After passing this exam, master's candidates select a thesis director and committee to work with them on designing a thesis project. Candidates must prepare and orally defend a thesis.

