

# ANTHROPOLOGY, PHD

## ADMISSIONS

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Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	December 1
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required but may be considered if available.
English Proficiency Test	Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/</a> ).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

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You may contact the Anthropology Graduate Program Manager at [anthrograd@mailplus.wisc.edu](mailto:anthrograd@mailplus.wisc.edu) for information about the program, or the Director of Graduate Studies (<https://www.anthropology.wisc.edu/graduate-study/prospective-graduate-students/#admissions>) for information connecting to your specific interests in anthropology. You may also wish to connect with current graduate students (<https://www.anthropology.wisc.edu/graduate-students/>) to learn about their experience in our program.

### APPLICATION MATERIALS

Submit the following materials online with application:

#### Transcripts

Undergraduate grade point averages (GPA), **one transcript** (may be unofficial for purposes of departmental review for admissions) from **each previously attended university** with the application. Applicants recommended for admission to a program will be sent an email by the Graduate School asking for official transcripts with instructions on how they must be sent.

#### Statement of Purpose

Length: 750-1000 words

#### Description and Content:

The Statement of Purpose (2-3 pages, double-spaced) explains why you want to pursue your graduate training in anthropology at the University of Wisconsin. It should answer some of the following questions.

- About your interest in anthropology: Help us understand your decision to become an anthropologist. What kinds of intellectual problems and issues interest you? Which anthropological writings or research projects have inspired your desire to become an anthropologist?
- About your proposed research: Your statement of purpose is not a detailed research proposal, but it should clearly identify your research interests. What would you like to research? Have you identified a theoretical issue you would like to explore? Is there a particular methodology that you would like to embrace? Where would you want to conduct research?
- About you: How do your previous study and work experiences prepare you for graduate study in anthropology? You are welcome to explain how your background and life experiences, including cultural, geographical, financial, educational, or other opportunities or challenges have motivated your decision to pursue a graduate degree at the University of Wisconsin

#### Curriculum Vitae

##### Writing Sample

Such as a research-based paper, senior thesis, or published article to which you are the main author. Writing samples should not exceed 6,000 words.

#### Three (3) Letters of Recommendation

When applying online through the graduate school a recommendation request can be sent by email to each of your references. The email will include your name with a link to each department's electronic recommendation form. The request can be sent at any time providing you meet department deadlines. You can change references or send a reminder through your application. We recommend that you contact your references ahead of time, so that they can expect your request for recommendation. After you have submitted your application, you and your department can view receipt of your recommendations through the online status system.

#### Supplemental Application Materials

Complete and **submit electronically as supplement during online application**. Indicate the faculty that you are interested in working with and your major interests within anthropology. Use the faculty specialty listing (<http://www.anthropology.wisc.edu/graduate-study-in-anthropology/faculty-by-specialty/>) to inform your selection. Be as specific as possible in your selection and list three or four options. Include a list of anthropology and cognate courses you have taken or will take before attending UW-Madison.

#### Optional

- A list of any honors gained as an undergraduate, such as Phi Beta Kappa membership, scholarships, etc., include with your online application.
- Applicants are not required to submit their GRE scores. Applicants can submit their GRE scores as supplemental materials. If you wish to submit your scores, they are requested by the applicant and submitted electronically to UW-Madison institution code 1846 by Educational Testing Service. Copies, faxes and PDFs are considered unofficial.

## **APPLICATION**

All documents and test scores must be complete and submitted by fall deadline for your application to be deemed complete for review and consideration.