

ANTHROPOLOGY, PHD

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirements>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policies>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW-Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail	
Minimum Credit Requirement	51 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	51 credits must be completed in graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	A GPA of 3.50. No less than 3.0 during the first year; must have a 3.50 thereafter.
Other Grade Requirements	Candidates may not have a GPA lower than 3.0 during the first year and must maintain a 3.5 GPA every year

thereafter. Candidates may not carry more than 4 credits of Incomplete at any one time; credits of Incomplete over this limit are counted as grades of F for purposes of the GPA until removed.

Assessments and Examinations	PhD qualifying examinations must be taken no later than the fourth semester and must be passed no later than the sixth semester. Students must take preliminary examinations no later than the third semester after passage of the qualifying examinations, and pass no later than the fifth semester after qualifying examinations.
Language Requirements	Language requirements are determined on an individual basis with the major professor and will depend on the area concentration within the department.
Graduate School Breadth Requirement	All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Refer to the Graduate School: Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200/).

REQUIRED COURSES

Students choose from one of four pathways (also referred to as "sections") in the department.

Other specifics of the PhD degree requirements will depend on whether you are pursuing a degree in the archaeology, the biological anthropology, the cultural anthropology, or an intersectional concentration. See specific concentration requirements below or on the department website.

All concentrations (archaeology, biological, cultural, intersectional) require one graduate course numbered 300 or above in one of the other pathways / concentrations.

Archaeology Concentration Pathway ¹

Code	Title	Credits
Seminar		
Students complete the following course 5 times for total of 15 credits.		15
ANTHRO 942	Seminar-Archaeological Problems	
Coursework		
Graduate level coursework determined through consultation with advisor		24
<i>Foreign Language</i>		
Up to 6 credits of foreign-language courses numbered 300 to 999 can be applied toward the PhD, in addition to those applied to the MA.		0-6
Non-Concentration Pathway		
Students must complete at least 3 credits of graduate coursework numbered 300 or above in one of the other concentration pathways.		3
Breadth		
Minimum of 9 credits, some minors or certificates require more		9
Total Credits		51

Recommended Courses

The following is a list of recommended courses. Other courses may be chosen in consultation with your advisor.

Code	Title	Credits
ANTHRO 310	Topics in Archaeology	3
ANTHRO 321	The Emergence of Human Culture	3
ANTHRO 322	The Origins of Civilization	3
ANTHRO 339	Archaeology of Warfare and Human Nature	3
ANTHRO 352	Ancient Technology and Invention	3
ANTHRO/ AMER IND 354	Archaeology of Wisconsin	3
ANTHRO 391	Bones for the Archaeologist	3

Preliminary Examination

Students must complete an oral defense of a written proposal for dissertation research. The proposal must be in the format of an NSF dissertation proposal. The committee tasked with evaluation must consist of at least four members.

Dissertation Defense

Students must complete a dissertation defense. This is an oral examination covering the written thesis. The committee tasked with evaluation is a committee of five members.

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Biological Concentration Pathway ¹

Code	Title	Credits
Coursework		
Graduate level coursework determined through consultation with advisor		39
Non-Concentration Pathway		
Students must complete at least 3 credits of graduate coursework numbered 300 or above in one of the other concentration pathways.		3
Breadth		
Minimum of 9 credits, some minors or certificates require more		9
Total Credits		51

Recommended Courses

The following is a list of recommended courses. Other courses may be chosen in consultation with your advisor.

Code	Title	Credits
ANTHRO 302	Hominoid Evolution	3
ANTHRO 303	Human Skeletal Anatomy	4
ANTHRO 304	Heredity, Environment and Human Populations	3
ANTHRO/BOTANY/ ZOOLOGY 410	Evolutionary Biology	3
ANTHRO 411	The Evolution of the Genus, Homo	3
ANTHRO 458	Primate Behavioral Ecology	3
ANTHRO 603	Seminar in Evolutionary Theory	3
ANTHRO 605	Seminar-Current Problems in Paleoanthropology	3

ANTHRO/PSYCH/ ZOOLOGY 619	Biology of Mind	3
ANTHRO 668	Primate Conservation	3
GENETICS 466	Principles of Genetics	3

Preliminary Examination

Students must complete an oral defense of a written proposal for dissertation research. The written proposal must be submitted prior to examination. Students will be assessed by a minimum of three persons, at least two departmental faculty in residence and additional persons from other fields as needed or desired.

Dissertation Defense

Students must orally defend their dissertation to a committee of five members. Students must submit their dissertation prior to defense. Students may conduct a public presentation prior to examination.

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Cultural Concentration Pathway ¹

Code	Title	Credits
Cultural Anthropology		
Students must complete 15 credits in cultural anthropology (courses taught by faculty within the cultural concentration), including the following two courses:		15
ANTHRO 860	History of Anthropological Theory	
ANTHRO 900	Fundamentals of Anthropological Theory	
Seminar		
Students must complete the following course:		
ANTHRO 909	Research Methods and Research Design in Cultural Anthropology	3
Students must complete at least 6 credits in graduate seminars, including a seminar numbered 700 or above and a second numbered 900 or above.		6
Non-Concentration Pathway		
Students must complete at least 3 credits of graduate coursework numbered 300 or above in one of the other concentration pathways.		3

Breadth

Minimum of 9 credits, some minors or certificates require more	9
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Coursework

Graduate level coursework determined through consultation with advisor	15
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Foreign Language

Up to 6 credits of foreign-language instruction can be applied to the PhD, in addition to those applied in the MA.

Total Credits	51
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ANTHRO 330	Topics in Ethnology	3-4
ANTHRO 350	Political Anthropology	3-4
ANTHRO 424	Historical Anthropology	3
ANTHRO/ GEN&WS 443	Anthropology by Women	3
ANTHRO 456	Symbolic Anthropology	3-4
ANTHRO 545	Psychological Anthropology	3
ANTHRO/ GEN&WS 920	Anthropology of Gender	3
ANTHRO/C&E SOC/ ECON/SOC 925	Seminar: Socio-Economic Change in Underdeveloped Areas	2-3
ANTHRO 940	Seminar-Problems in Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTHRO/A A E/ C&E SOC/GEOG/ HISTORY/LACIS/ POLI SCI/PORTUG/ SOC/SPANISH 982	Interdepartmental Seminar in the Latin-American Area	1-3

Preliminary Examination

Students must prepare three field statements. These are created in consultation with their exam committee. The student's exam committee must approve the field statements and accompanying bibliographies.

Students also prepare a research proposal and work with faculty advisors and committee to prepare the proposal. The preliminary exam consists of an oral defense of the research proposal and field statements.

Students may enroll in ANTHRO 999 Reading and Research to prepare for preliminary examination. Up to 6 credits may satisfy degree requirements.

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Intersectional Concentration Pathway ¹

Students may pursue an intersectional concentration involving two or more of the sub-disciplines within the department. Students choose courses relevant to field of specialization determined through consultation with their advisor.

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ANTHRO 458	Primate Behavioral Ecology	3
ANTHRO/ AMER IND/ BOTANY 474	Ethnobotany	3-4
ANTHRO 545	Psychological Anthropology	3
ANTHRO 603	Seminar in Evolutionary Theory	3
ANTHRO 605	Seminar-Current Problems in Paleoanthropology	3
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