DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
Revised:
MASTER OF ARTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY
Degree requirements
The minimum requirement for the MA in anthropology is 32-38 hours of graduate credit. Although students are encouraged to take general courses, they may focus on cultural and biological anthropology or archaeology. In keeping with the principle that students should have a broad knowledge of anthropology, core courses covering those three major subdisciplines are required; this requirement can be waived only by the graduate committee. In order for students to acquire an understanding of anthropology as a profession and a background in anthropological thought, ANTH 600 Graduate Studies Seminar and a course emphasizing method and/or theory are also required. A required 6-hour thesis or 6 hour internship (non-thesis option) permits students to specialize and acquire skills in research methods and techniques. A public thesis defense presentation is also required for both options. Beyond these requirements, each student’s plan of study will be tailored to individual needs. The completed thesis document would be subject to approval by the committee following a public oral defense.

Thesis option
ANTH 600 Graduate Studies Seminar (1) 2
601 Scope of Cultural Anthropology 3
603 Scope of Archaeology 3
605 Scope of Bio Anth 3
THES 698 Thesis (1-6) 6
3 hours from
Method and/or theory approved by graduate committee 3
12 hours from
ANTH or other electives approved by graduate advisor 12

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32 hrs

Non-thesis option
ANTH 600 Graduate Studies Seminar (1) 2
601 Scope of Cultural Anthropology 3
603 Scope of Archaeology 3
605 Scope of Bio Anth 3
696 Intern in Anth (3-6) 6
3 hours from
Method and/or theory approved by graduate committee 3
18 hours from
ANTH or other electives approved by graduate/thesis committee 18

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38 hrs

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