

**Ball State University**  
**Department of Anthropology**  
**M.A. Program**  
**Application Checklist**

Applying for the M.A. Program in Anthropology is a *two-part process*.

**First:**

Apply to the Graduate School for admission to the university. This can be done on paper or online <https://www.bsu.edu/webapps/gradapplication/>

It requires three things:

\_\_\_\_\_ Graduate School application form

\_\_\_\_\_ An original transcript from *each* college and university attended - to be sent to the Graduate School

\_\_\_\_\_ Payment of the application fee

**Second:**

Apply to the Department of Anthropology for admission to the M.A. program (forms available on the Anthropology website.) Your departmental application will not be processed until we receive word from the Graduate School that you are cleared for admission and all departmental application documents have been received. The departmental application requires the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Departmental application form

\_\_\_\_\_ Official scores on the Graduate Record Examination General Test ([www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org))

\_\_\_\_\_ Graduate admission recommendation forms from three (3) referees with knowledge of your academic (or *relevant* non-academic) accomplishments and abilities

\_\_\_\_\_ Narrative statement explaining reasons for wanting to pursue graduate study in anthropology at Ball State and the relationship of such study to your long-term goals. Please limit this statement to three double-spaced typed pages or less.

\_\_\_\_\_ Vita (résumé), including educational background, employment history, experience in anthropology and/or archaeology, research endeavors, volunteer efforts, professional organization memberships, honors/awards, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ An original transcript from each college and university attended – to be sent to the Department.

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Applications are accepted at any time, but if you wish to ensure *full consideration for a graduate assistantship*, all materials should be received by the department by **15 February**.

**Assistantship applications** also require the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Graduate Assistantship Application form (link on dept website)

\_\_\_\_\_ One of the three letters of recommendation with the program application should be from a person who can evaluate your potential as a teaching assistant