

ANTHROPOLOGY (MA)

Master of Arts in Anthropology

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (<http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/>) (GA)

Department: Anthropology (<http://louisville.edu/anthropology/>)

Program Website (<http://louisville.edu/anthropology/graduate/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): ANTHMA, ANTHMA_ACC

Program Information

The Master of Arts in Anthropology is designed to enhance student knowledge of and skills in dealing with contemporary social issues facing globalizing communities world-over and to enable students to locate these in the long progression of human history and within the body of social science theory. We expect our graduates to enter professions as skilled administrators, researchers, practitioners, advocates, and leaders. Although students may focus on biological anthropology, archaeology, or cultural anthropology, this is a general, comprehensive masters program.

Anthropology is among the most transdisciplinary of fields, and we see our students taking courses from and pursuing collaborations with colleagues in Humanities, Sociology, History, Women and Gender Studies, Pan-African Studies, Political Science, Art History, Biology, and the Kent School of Social Work. Students with little or no academic background in anthropology will be required to take some preparatory courses determined in consultation with the Anthropology Director of Graduate Studies.

Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
Seminars		9
Electives		15
Thesis/Internship		6
Minimum Total Hours		30

Soaring Scholar Accelerated BA-BS/MA in Anthropology

Undergraduate students interested in the program's accelerated options should visit the catalog pages for the BA in Anthropology (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/majors/anthropology-ba/>) or the BS in Anthropology (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/majors/anthropology-bs/>) for more information.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must complete/submit:

- Online graduate application (<https://graduate.louisville.edu/admission/apply/>) for admission.
- A statement of interests covering relevant experience and aspirations. This letter is absolutely critical to your successful application, as it helps us assess where you might find common interests among Department faculty.
- Official transcripts, as stipulated by the Graduate School. The minimum GPA for acceptance into the program is 3.0.

- Three letters of recommendation addressing the candidate's readiness for graduate studies, academic abilities, and potential for success. One letter may be from an employer.
- Applicants may choose to submit a writing sample.

The Graduate Committee uses a holistic approach when evaluating graduate applications.

Program Requirements

The **Master of Arts in Anthropology** requires 30 credit hours at the graduate level. It comprises 24 credit hours of course work, plus six (6) credit hours of thesis or internship. All students enrolled in the MA program are required to complete one of the following options:

In addition to the nine (9) credit hours of the 600-level core seminars, students take another 15 credit hours of course work (electives) at the 500 or 600 level, and six (6) credit hours of thesis or internship/practicum hours.

Students may enroll in up to nine (9) credit hours in another department. Students may enroll in 500-level graduate courses in another department with the permission of the Anthropology Director of Graduate Studies.

Students who are in the Soaring Scholar program may apply up to nine (9) credit hours taken at the graduate level as an undergraduate toward the MA in Anthropology, on the condition that the student earned a grade of B (not B-minus) or higher in the course and the course was taught at the graduate level. Approval from the Director of Graduate Studies is required. Master's-degree students outside of the accelerated master's-degree program may not use coursework earned as undergraduate and used to meet the requirements for the undergraduate degree for graduate credit.

Thesis Option

Code	Title	Hours
Core Seminars		9
Electives		15
Thesis		6
Minimum Total Hours		30

Thesis Option Coursework

Code	Title	Hours
Core Seminars		6
ANTH 608	Social and Cultural Theory	
ANTH 612	Seminar: Contemporary Issues in Anthropology	
<i>Students must select one of the following courses:</i>		3
ANTH 609	Research Design: Archaeology	
ANTH 610	Research Design: Biological Anthropology	
ANTH 611	Research Design: Socio-Cultural Anthropology	

Code	Title	Hours
Electives		15
ANTH 507	Space, Place and Culture	
ANTH 517	Anthropology of China	
ANTH 522	Ecology, Politics and Culture	
ANTH 526	Archaeology as Practice	
ANTH 528	Animals and Humans	
ANTH 529	Zoarchaeology	

ANTH 530	Human Impacts on Past Environments	
ANTH 531	Anthropology of Water	
ANTH 534	Food and Farm Movements in the Americas	
ANTH 535	Nutritional Anthropology	
ANTH 536	The American South: History, Culture, Political Economy	
ANTH 540	Health and Civilization	
ANTH 549	Modes of Consciousness	
ANTH 555	Black Death: The Pandemic that Changed Human History	
ANTH 562	Special Topics in Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 563	Special Topics in Biological Anthropology	
ANTH 564	Special Topics in Archaeology	
ANTH 576	Quantitative Analysis in Anthropology	
ANTH 578	Lithic Technology	
ANTH 579	Ceramic Analysis	
ANTH 581	Geoarchaeology	
ANTH 607	Emergence of Human Culture	
ANTH 622	Anthropology of Violence	
ANTH 624	Black Cultural Traditions	
ANTH 625	Globalization, Transnationalism, and Anthropology	
ANTH 626	Food Justice	
ANTH 627	Political Economy and Culture	
ANTH 640	Linguistic Anthropology	
ANTH 650	Health and Disease: A Bio-Cultural Approach	
ANTH 651	Seminar in Biological Anthropology	
ANTH 653	Human Molecular Evolutionary Genetics	
ANTH 661	Special Topics in Anthropology	
ANTH 662	Special Topics in Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 663	Special Topics in Biological Anthropology	
ANTH 670	Independent Study (Reading)	
ANTH 664	Special Topics in Archaeology	
ANTH 671	Independent Study (Research)	
Or approved 500- and 600-level elective in another social science discipline		
ANTH 672	Thesis	
ANTH 682	Kentucky Archaeology	
ANTH 683	Who Owns the Past?	
Minimum Total Hours		30

Experiential Option

Code	Title	Hours
Core Seminars		9
Electives		15
Internship		6
Minimum Total Hours		30

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Core Seminars		
ANTH 608	Social and Cultural Theory	

ANTH 612	Seminar: Contemporary Issues in Anthropology	
<i>Students must select one of the following courses:</i>		3
ANTH 609	Research Design: Archaeology	
ANTH 610	Research Design: Biological Anthropology	
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