

# MASTER OF ARTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY, PROFESSIONAL ANTHROPOLOGY SPECIALIZATION, PLAN B

## Requirements Effective Fall 2026

| Code                                                                                                         | Title                                        | Credits   |
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| <b>Core Requirements:</b> <sup>1</sup>                                                                       |                                              |           |
| ANTH 500                                                                                                     | Development of Anthropological Theory        | 3         |
| ANTH 695                                                                                                     | Independent Study <sup>2</sup>               | 6         |
| Select 3 credits from outside the Anthropology Department <sup>3</sup>                                       |                                              | 3         |
| <b>Select 12 methods credits and 6 elective credits from one of the following three tracks:</b> <sup>4</sup> |                                              | <b>18</b> |
| <b>Archaeology Track</b>                                                                                     |                                              |           |
| Select a minimum of 12 credits of Archaeology methods-focused courses:                                       |                                              |           |
| ANTH 352                                                                                                     | Geoarchaeology                               |           |
| ANTH 420                                                                                                     | Digital Digging–Geophysics in Archaeology    |           |
| ANTH 457                                                                                                     | Lithic Technology                            |           |
| ANTH 458                                                                                                     | Archaeology and Cultural Resource Management |           |
| ANTH 465                                                                                                     | Zooarchaeology                               |           |
| ANTH 478/<br>HIST 478                                                                                        | Heritage Resource Management                 |           |
| ANTH 541                                                                                                     | Seminar in Archaeological Method             |           |
| ANTH 544                                                                                                     | From Death to Discovery                      |           |
| ANTH 552                                                                                                     | Geoarchaeology                               |           |
| ANTH 556                                                                                                     | Bayesian Chronologies in Archaeology         |           |
| ANTH 660                                                                                                     | Field Archaeology                            |           |
| ANTH 674                                                                                                     | Research Design and Analysis in Anthropology |           |
| GR 420                                                                                                       | Spatial Analysis with GIS                    |           |
| GR 503/NR 503                                                                                                | Remote Sensing and Image Analysis            |           |
| Select a minimum of 6 credits of Archaeology electives:                                                      |                                              |           |
| ANTH 455                                                                                                     | Great Plains Archaeology                     |           |
| ANTH 456                                                                                                     | Archaeology and the Public                   |           |
| ANTH 462                                                                                                     | Anthropology Curation and Exhibition Methods |           |
| ANTH 542                                                                                                     | Seminar in Archaeological Theory             |           |
| ANTH 551                                                                                                     | Historical Archaeology                       |           |
| ANTH 617                                                                                                     | Place, Space and Adaptation                  |           |
| <b>Applied Cultural Anthropology Track</b>                                                                   |                                              |           |
| Select a minimum of 12 credits of Applied Cultural Anthropology methods-focused courses:                     |                                              |           |
| ANTH 441                                                                                                     | Method in Cultural Anthropology              |           |
| ANTH 442                                                                                                     | Ethnographic Field School                    |           |

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| ANTH 444                                                                              | Cultures of Virtual Worlds—Research Methods  |
| ANTH 445                                                                              | Psychological Anthropology                   |
| ANTH 506                                                                              | Anthropology of Happiness and the Good Life  |
| ANTH 507                                                                              | Ethnographic Discourse Analysis              |
| ANTH 525                                                                              | Abolition Methodologies                      |
| ANTH 543                                                                              | Foundations of Ethnographic Research         |
| ANTH 554/<br>ESS 554                                                                  | Ecological and Social Agent-based Modeling   |
| ANTH 674                                                                              | Research Design and Analysis in Anthropology |
| GR 323/NR 323                                                                         | Remote Sensing and Image Interpretation      |
| GR 420                                                                                | Spatial Analysis with GIS                    |
| GR 503/NR 503                                                                         | Remote Sensing and Image Analysis            |
| Select a minimum of 6 credits of Applied Cultural Anthropology electives:             |                                              |
| ANTH 316                                                                              | Climate, Capital, Culture                    |
| ANTH 330/<br>CLMT 330                                                                 | Human Ecology                                |
| ANTH 338                                                                              | Gender and Anthropology                      |
| ANTH 340                                                                              | Medical Anthropology                         |
| ANTH 343                                                                              | Applied Medical Anthropology                 |
| ANTH 405                                                                              | Public Anthropology and Global Challenges    |
| ANTH 414/<br>ETST 414                                                                 | Development in Indian Country                |
| ANTH 415                                                                              | Indigenous Ecologies and the Modern World    |
| ANTH 416                                                                              | Gender, Culture, and Health                  |
| ANTH 423                                                                              | Cultural Psychiatry                          |
| ANTH 440                                                                              | Theory in Cultural Anthropology              |
| ANTH 446                                                                              | New Orleans and the Caribbean                |
| ANTH 448                                                                              | Development and Empowerment                  |
| ANTH 449                                                                              | Community Development from the Ground Up     |
| ANTH 520                                                                              | Women, Health, and Culture                   |
| ANTH 521                                                                              | Gender, Sexuality, and Culture               |
| ANTH 532                                                                              | The Culture of Disaster                      |
| ANTH 538                                                                              | Food, Hunger, and Culture                    |
| ANTH 540                                                                              | Medical Anthropology                         |
| ANTH 548                                                                              | Theoretical Topics in Cultural Anthropology  |
| ANTH 571                                                                              | Anthropology and Global Health               |
| ANTH 617                                                                              | Place, Space and Adaptation                  |
| ANTH 679/IE 679                                                                       | Applications of International Development    |
| <b>Human Evolutionary Biology Track</b>                                               |                                              |
| Select a minimum of 12 credits of Human Evolutionary Biology methods-focused courses: |                                              |
| ANTH 372                                                                              | Human Osteology                              |
| ANTH 465                                                                              | Zooarchaeology                               |
| ANTH 470                                                                              | Paleontology Field School                    |
| ANTH 474                                                                              | Human Skeleton Analysis                      |
| ANTH 541                                                                              | Seminar in Archaeological Method             |
| ANTH 544                                                                              | From Death to Discovery                      |
| ANTH 552                                                                              | Geoarchaeology                               |

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| ANTH 674 | Research Design and Analysis in Anthropology |
| BMS 300  | Principles of Human Physiology               |
| BMS 575  | Human Anatomy Dissection                     |
| BZ 360   | Bioinformatics and Genomics                  |
| GR 420   | Spatial Analysis with GIS                    |
| SOC 353  | Criminal Investigations                      |

Committee, and all credit requirements specified in the **Graduate and Professional Bulletin** for their degree.

Select a minimum of 6 credits of Human Evolutionary Biology electives:

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| ANTH 373 | Human Evolution                             |
| ANTH 472 | Human Biology                               |
| ANTH 473 | The Neandertals                             |
| ANTH 530 | Human-Environment Interactions              |
| ANTH 570 | Contemporary Issues-Biological Anthropology |
| ANTH 571 | Anthropology and Global Health              |
| ANTH 572 | Human Origins                               |
| ANTH 575 | Paleoecology                                |
| GR 548   | Biogeography                                |
| SOC 555  | Society, Deviance, and Crime                |

**Program Total Credits:** 30

A minimum of 30 credits are required to complete this program.

<sup>1</sup> The Plan B degree does not require a thesis. Instead, students work closely with faculty advisors to determine the shape of an appropriate final project based on students' career goals. We allow for flexibility here, though typical final projects would include either a portfolio, exam, or professional paper. The portfolio typically contains examples of work meant to highlight students' research and applied skills and is defended in front of the student's graduate committee, other faculty, fellow students, and community members. The exam option typically entails students responding to written questions prepared by committee members followed by an oral defense. The professional paper could be modeled on a publishable academic article that meets anthropological subdisciplinary academic standards

<sup>2</sup> Students work with their advisors and committees to plan how to incorporate an experiential learning opportunity (such as an internship) and professional development training appropriate to their career goals.

<sup>3</sup> Students should consult with advisors for appropriate outside courses.

<sup>4</sup> Students can count undergraduate credits (300- and 400-level courses) toward this degree. However, according to the Graduate School, a minimum of 18 degree credits must be at the graduate level (500 or above), and we require for this program that at least 15 of those credits be in regular graduate courses. Courses listed in each track constitute a partial list. Other courses may be used with approval of advisor and committee. Methods courses listed in each track may also be taken to fulfill electives requirements, though courses may not fulfill both methods and electives requirements. The credits in this Plan B portfolio degree (30 total credits) and particularly the degree's emphasis on research methods courses illustrate the program's emphasis on obtaining a wide range of practical research skills that will better position graduates to obtain employment and to help solve real-world problems.

Students must complete the minimum number of credits specified in the official program of study as approved by the University Curriculum