ANTHROPOLOGY (M.A.)

Admission Requirements

Admission to this program is contingent upon admission to the Graduate School (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/admission). Additionally, applicants must satisfy the following:

1. The student must have completed ANT 2100 (Introduction to Anthropology) or its equivalent. Admission may be granted while this deficiency is remedied.
2. The student must submit three letters of recommendation.
3. The student must submit a letter of intent outlining his/her research interests and intentions in the field of anthropology, so that the Department may determine if the student’s goals are compatible with its available expertise. The student may also mention any life history experience which may be helpful in the decision to admit.
4. A writing sample such as a research paper for a previous course.
5. The student may arrange for his/her Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores to be sent to the department if he or she wishes.
6. The student must have an undergraduate grade point average (g.p.a.) of at least 3.2. Admission may be granted in exceptional cases where the grade point average is less than 3.2. Admission is contingent upon g.p.a., GRE scores (if applicable), recommendations, the compatibility of research and educational goals with Departmental resources, and the availability of openings in programs with high demand.
7. All applications and admissions material must be submitted to the Office of Graduate Admissions by the following deadlines: October 1 for admittance to the Winter Semester, and January 15 for admittance in the following Fall Semester.

Students pursuing the M.A. in anthropology have three options, referred to as Plans A, B, and C, below.

ANT 7005 is required for all first-year graduate students. Students who have not completed ANT 2100 or the equivalent as an undergraduate must complete this course with a grade of at least ‘A-minus’ within their first year of graduate studies (credits for this course do not apply toward the M.A.).

Students must file a plan of work prior to the completion of twelve credits and must petition the Graduate Committee for any exceptions to the M.A. requirements.

The following courses, or their equivalents, must be completed either as an undergraduate (see note below) or graduate student.

Core

- ANT 5140  Biology and Culture
- ANT 5270  Concepts and Techniques in Archaeology
- ANT 5320  Language and Societies
- ANT 5700  Applied Anthropology
- ANT 7005  Thinking and Writing Anthropology
- ANT 7010  Anthropological Theory I

Methods Options

Select one of the following (in consultation with advisor):

- ANT 5210  Anthropological Methods
- ANT 5230  Mixed Methods Research Methodology

Electives

- ANT 5280  Field Work in Archaeology of the Americas
- ANT 7xxx - Seminar
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Graduation Requirements

Select one of the following:

- ANT 7900  Synthesis (Plan C) ²
- ANT 7999  Master’s Essay Direction (Plan B) ³
- ANT 8999  Master’s Thesis Research and Direction (Plan A) ⁴

Total Credits 32-34

¹ Students entering the M.A. program with a B.A. from WSU who have completed any of the core courses for undergraduate credit (with a grade of ‘B’ or better) do not need to repeat them, however, they must replace the credits with any other ANT 5000 or higher level course chosen in consultation with their advisor.
² ANT 7900 is an integrative, holistic and comparative course that synthesizes diverse analytical perspectives and methodologies.
³ The M.A. essay, ANT 7999, is a shorter piece of independent work (often 30-60 pages double-spaced) and intended to be written within a single term.
⁴ Students opting for Plan A (thesis) take ANT 8999 in lieu of the nine credits of electives. The M.A. thesis is an independent research project taking multiple terms and culminating in an oral defense.

Students intending to apply for the Ph.D. program are strongly encouraged to take the second semester of theory, ANT 7020 (Anthropological Theory II), as an elective or seminar. For the student who does not intend to pursue a Ph.D., this course is also recommended for a comprehensive understanding of contemporary anthropological thought today.

Students wishing to specialize their degree in specific applied subfields may substitute the nine elective credits with one of the following course sets:

Medical Anthropology Concentration

- ANT 5400  Anthropology of Health and Illness ³
- ANT 7420  Anthropology Practicum ³
One additional medical anthropology course ³

Museum Studies Concentration

- ANT 5600  Museum Studies ³
- ANT 7420  Anthropology Practicum ³
- ANT 7625  Material Culture and the Social Meaning of Things ³

Business Anthropology Concentration

- ANT 5800  Anthropological Perspectives on Business ³
- ANT 7420  Anthropology Practicum ³
- ANT 7700  Seminar in Business and Industrial Anthropology ³-9

Applied Archaeology Concentration

- ANT 6555  Cultural Resource Management and Public Archaeology ³
- ANT 6570  Archaeological Laboratory Analysis ³
- ANT 7420  Anthropology Practicum ³

Academic Scholarship: All course work must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the Graduate School (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/...
graduate/general-information/academic-regulations) and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/college-liberal-arts-sciences/academic-regulations).

Additional information regarding this program is available from the department upon request.