

ANTHROPOLOGY PHD

Degree Requirements

The following requirements are in addition to, or further elaborate upon, those requirements outlined in The Graduate School Policy Guide (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/>).

Master's

The Department of Anthropology is devoted to the preparation of professional anthropologists. Only students who intend to pursue the PhD are accepted into the program. The MA in Anthropology is an intermediate degree granted upon application to students who fulfill second-year department requirements.

Coursework Requirements

- See PhD Degree Requirements below
- Total Required Units: (variable, depending upon subfield)

Other MA Degree Requirements

- Research/Projects: subfield field statements
- Master's Thesis: see Research/Projects above
- Other: none

PhD

Total Units Required: the total varies by subfield

Course Requirements: The Department of Anthropology's core requirements for all PhD students include:

- a. the four-quarter sequence of ANTHRO 401, "The Logic of Inquiry in Anthropology;"
- b. the ANTHRO 496-0 Bridging Seminar (a topically focused, advanced course designed to integrate the four subfields);
- c. a subfield specific methods course.
- d. Anthro 519 Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)

Subfield Course Requirements

Cultural Anthropology students: In addition to the core course requirements, cultural students are required to take (489) Ethnographic Methods along with six additional courses from a cultural/linguistic faculty approved list. The complete list of approved courses is available from the Graduate Student Advisor.

Linguistic Anthropology students: In addition to the core course requirements, Linguistic Anthropology students are required to take two advanced graduate seminars in Linguistic Anthropology (ANTHRO 484-0 Seminar in Linguistic Anthropology), one course in methods in Linguistic Anthropology (ANTHRO 361-0 Talk as Social Action) and at least four or more courses from a cultural/linguistic faculty approved list. The complete list of approved courses is available from the Graduate Student Advisor.

Archaeology students: In addition to the core course requirements, archaeology students are required to take seven subfield requirements: ANTHRO 322-0 Introduction to Archaeology Research Design & Methods and at least three graduate level Topics courses (ANTHRO 490-0 Topics in Anthropology). All students must also demonstrate knowledge and field and laboratory methods.

Biological Anthropology students: In addition to the core course requirements, biological anthropology students are required to take

ANTHRO 386-0 Methods in Human Biology Research, "Human Population Biology" (ANTHRO 490-0 Topics in Anthropology), and ANTHRO 486-0 Evolution & Biological Anthropology. Biological students are also required to take at least one (and preferably) two quarters of statistics (course/s at the discretion of students and advisor) and two additional courses "Writing for impact in the Sciences" and "Research design and proposal writing".

Required Papers and Proposals

Students are required to complete Field Statements (number of statements varies by subfield), a Dissertation Proposal, and a Dissertation.