ANTHROPOLOGY, MA

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS
Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

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Mode of Instruction Definitions

**Accelerated:** Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

**Evening/Weekend:** Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

**Face-to-Face:** Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

**Hybrid:** These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

**Online:** These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

**Requirement Detail**

**Minimum Credit Requirement**

- 30 credits

**Minimum Residence Credit Requirement**

- 16 credits

**Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement**

- 30 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).

**Overall GPA Requirement**

- A GPA of 3.5. No less than 3.0 during the first year; must have a 3.5 thereafter.

**Graduate GPA Requirement**

Other Grade Requirements

- Candidates may not have a GPA lower than 3.0 during the first year and must maintain a 3.5 GPA every year thereafter. Candidates may not carry more than 4 credits of Incomplete at any one time; credits of Incomplete over this limit are counted as grades of F for purposes of the GPA until removed.

Assessments and Examinations

- Successful completion of a comprehensive master’s exam or a PhD qualifying examination is required.

Language Requirements

- Language study will be required for many students; specifics are determined in consultation with the advisor and co-advisor.

REQUIRED COURSES

Students choose from one of four concentrations/pathways (also referred to as "sections") in the department. Students in the Cultural concentration will earn a Master of Arts. Students in the Archaeology, Biological, or Intersectional concentrations will work with their advisor and the department executive committee to determine if the coursework they take meets the requirements for a Master of Arts.

**Archaeology Concentration Pathway**

Student must complete a total of 30 credits of graduate coursework, including three seminars (ANTHRO 942) in archaeology. Substitutions for the required seminars in archaeology are not normally allowed. (Incoming MA students must take at least two seminars as a part of the PhD requirements, and these courses may be taken before or after the qualifying examination).

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**Biological Concentration Pathway**

Student must complete a total of 30 credits of graduate coursework. The following courses are strongly recommended in preparation for the general section of the qualifying examination:

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**Cultural Concentration Pathway**

Students must complete a total of 30 credits of graduate coursework, including 15 credits in cultural anthropology, which includes ANTHRO 860 and ANTHRO 900, and one additional seminar numbered 900 or above (not to include ANTHRO 909 if continuing in PhD program).

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**Intersectional Concentration Pathway**

There are no specific courses required; students choose courses in consultation with their advisors.

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