

ANTHROPOLOGY, PH.D.

ADMISSIONS

Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet** the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) **of the Graduate School as well as the program(s)**. Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	December 1
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.*
English Proficiency Test	Every applicant whose native language is not English or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English must provide an English proficiency test score and meet the Graduate School minimum requirements (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

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Applicants are not required to submit their GRE scores. Applicants can submit their GRE scores as supplemental materials.

The Graduate School sets minimum requirements for admissions (<https://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/requirements/>). Academic program admission requirements are often more rigorous than those set by the Graduate School. Please check the program's website (<https://www.anthropology.wisc.edu/graduate-study/>) for details.

GRADUATE STUDY

Students interested in pursuing degrees in anthropology at the University of Wisconsin–Madison will find themselves members of a vibrant intellectual community. The university is an important crossroads where a diversity of debate and intellectual exchange can be found. The department is actively involved in this diverse community and regularly invites renowned scholars from all over the world to give talks and hold seminars. When a new student is admitted to the department, that student also becomes a colleague to a diverse group of scholars.

The department recognizes that the methods, perspectives, and theoretical orientation originating in anthropology have now invigorated many other disciplines. This blurring of the borders between disciplines

has created a cross-fertilization that is unprecedented in the history of Western academics. The department encourages students to take part in this process, as it relates both to intradisciplinary relationships within the sections and to interdisciplinary relationships between departments.

The primary focus of the Department of Anthropology is on the doctoral degree. A master's degree is awarded in the process of pursuing the Ph.D., but students are not admitted for the sole purpose of obtaining a master's degree.

The Department of Anthropology offers prospective graduate students the opportunity to pursue study within one of three major subfields of contemporary anthropology: archaeology, biological anthropology, and cultural anthropology plus an intersectional degree (see below for more information on these programs).

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Contact the Anthropology Graduate Advisor (<https://www.anthropology.wisc.edu/graduate-study/>) for information on your specific interests in anthropology. Connect with current anthropology graduate students through the UW student organization AnthroCircle (<https://anthrocircle.wordpress.com/>) to learn about their experience in our program.

APPLICATION FOR GRADUATE STUDY IN ANTHROPOLOGY

The application deadline is December 1 for the following fall semester.

All documents and test scores must be complete and submitted by December 1 for your application to be deemed complete for review and consideration. Please keep in mind that **December 1** is the deadline for all anthropology admissions. Although the Graduate School will process your application, the department has a **December 1** deadline, and may not process your application without supporting documentation. Please contact the graduate coordinator prior to sending your application if after **December 1**.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR SPRING OR SUMMER ADMISSIONS.