DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

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For all graduate majors the educational goals of the department are to

1. give students the highest quality graduate-level education possible,
2. provide students interested in continuing their graduate education in anthropology at the Ph.D. level the appropriate basis to successfully compete for entrance into top-tier programs,
3. provide students interested in nonacademic careers that require, or are facilitated by, an advanced degree in anthropology the education, tools and training necessary to secure employment, and
4. produce professional, ethical, and productive graduates.

The graduate curriculum, fieldwork opportunities, laboratories, and research centers provide an excellent foundation for student research, grant writing experience, and numerous training and educational activities.

Faculty Interests

Faculty in the Department of Anthropology have varied research interests and have active research programs in the United States, Peru, Mexico, Belize, Madagascar, and Africa. Research interests in cultural anthropology include anthropological theory, political economy, globalization, race and gender, Latino culture, sociolinguistics, phonetics, and medical anthropology. Research interests in archaeology include hunter-gatherers, complex societies, iconography, geoarchaeology, ceramic and lithic analysis, Native American ethnohistory, paleoenvironment, experimental archaeology and culture resource management. Research interests in biological anthropology include modern human skeletal variation, bioarchaeology, paleopathology, primate behavioral ecology, and conservation, and forensic anthropology.

Laboratories and Centers

The Department of Anthropology houses fully equipped laboratories and centers for training and research in cultural anthropology, archaeology, and biological anthropology. The Center for Archaeological Studies (CAS) provides student training in archaeological research in the New and Old Worlds and Cultural Resource Management in Texas. The Archaeological Curation Facility (ACF) offers students curatorial training. The Center for the Arts and Symbolism in Ancient America (CASAA) is an academic center for students to study prehistoric works of ancient art in the Americas. The Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State (FACTS) gives students hands-on experience with forensic casework, excavation and recovery methods, taphonomy and human decomposition, and laboratory analysis of human remains.

Financial Assistance

Scholarships are available to qualified students on a competitive basis through The Graduate College. Scholarships available include The Graduate College Scholarship, Celebrity Classic Scholarship, and The Graduate College Thesis Research Support Fellowship. For further information regarding applications for these scholarships, visit http://

www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/Prospect_Students/Fin_Grad_Ed/Scholarships.html.

The Department of Anthropology also has a limited number of graduate instructional assistantships whereby students are employed to assist faculty with their instructional responsibilities for various amounts of time, ranging from five to twenty hours per week.

Master of Arts (M.A.)

- Major in Anthropology (Archaeology Concentration) (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/liberal-arts/anthropology/archaeology-ma)
- Major in Anthropology (Biological Anthropology Concentration) (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/liberal-arts/anthropology/biological-ma)
- Major in Anthropology (Cultural and Linguistic Anthropology Concentration) (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/liberal-arts/anthropology/culturalandlinguistic-ma)

Minor

- Anthropology (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/liberal-arts/anthropology/minor)