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 Texas, Peru, Mexico, Belize, Madagascar, and South Africa. Research interests in cultural and linguistic anthropology include anthropological theory, political economy, globalization, race and gender, Latino/a issues, Latin American cultures, West African cultures and languages, sociolinguistics, phonetics, and the applied area of medical anthropology. Research interests in archaeology include complex societies in Mesoamerica, South America and the U.S., iconography, geoarchaeology, ceramic and lithic analysis, hunter-gatherers and agricultural groups in Texas and Africa, and the applied area of Culture Resource Management. Research interests in biological anthropology include human biological variation, bioarchaeology, primate behavioral ecology, primate cognitive evolution, primate behavioral development, primate conservation, and the applied area of forensic anthropology.

Laboratories and Centers

The Department of Anthropology houses fully equipped laboratories and centers for training and research in cultural anthropology, linguistic 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 and is 1 of 3 facilities located at a Texas university certified by the Texas Historical Commission as a State Curatorial Facility. 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, and laboratory analysis of human remains. At the Forensic Anthropology Research Facility (FARF) students are able to conduct research on taphonomy and human decomposition.

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

Minor

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