DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.) MAJOR IN APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY

The Department of Anthropology's doctoral program in Applied Anthropology incorporates intercultural communication, interdisciplinary understanding, research design, grant writing, project management, ethics and professional conduct, methods of data collection, and the use of theory in the interpretation of data. The curriculum emphasizes skills that will make Texas State trained applied anthropologists qualified for a broad range of non-academic and academic jobs.

Educational Goal

Our educational goal is to produce the next generation of applied Ph.D. anthropologists—leaders in inter- and intra-disciplinary research who will help solve critical societal problems in the global 21st century. The following educational objectives are reflected in the doctoral coursework and program requirements.

- Research Techniques: With thorough experience using research technology, methods, and data analyses, graduates will have flexible tools for researching complex issues in applied anthropology. Graduates will master these skills through intra- and interdisciplinary course work, research, and their dissertation project.

- Theory: By mastering historical and contemporary theory in anthropology, graduates will have a set of analytical concepts to be effective professionals in practice. Graduates will obtain these skills through intra- and interdisciplinary course work, research, and their dissertation project.

- Professionalism: Graduates will be able to apply ethical decision making, implement best practices, demonstrate effective leadership, become proficient in current topics in applied anthropology, have necessary skills to write competitive grants and contracts, and produce professional reports and manuscripts. Graduates will achieve these skills through intra- and interdisciplinary course work, research, and their dissertation project.

Advising

At the time of acceptance into the program, the student will be assigned a dissertation advisor, who is a member of the doctoral faculty. Beginning in the first semester, the dissertation advisor and the doctoral program coordinator will work with the student to develop a program of study, and provide general academic and career-related advisement to the student. It is expected that students will pursue their course work and research activities in an efficient and timely manner.

Application Requirements

The items listed below are required for admission consideration for applicable semesters of entry during the current academic year. Submission instructions, additional details, and changes to admission requirements for semesters other than the current academic year can be found on The Graduate College's website (http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu). International students should review the International Admission Documents webpage (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/admission-documents/international) for additional requirements.

- completed online ApplyTexas application
- $40 nonrefundable application fee
- $50 nonrefundable international evaluation fee (if applicable)
- baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university
- master's degree in anthropology or a closely related field from a regionally accredited university
- official transcripts required from each institution where course credit was granted
- minimum 3.3 GPA in all completed graduate course work
- GRE scores not required
- resume/CV, complete and current
- statement of purpose (3–5-page maximum, double-spaced) that includes
  - the anthropological subdiscipline for which the student is applying
  - background, experience, and skills
  - identification of the professor(s) with whom the student would like to work
  - specific dissertation research interests
  - reasons for interest in the Texas State program
  - readiness to complete the program in the specified time frame
  - professional plans and goals
  - if applicable, any crossover areas of research from other anthropological sub-disciplines
  - three letters of recommendation addressing and evaluating the student's skills, academic potential, and ability to successfully complete the program in the specified time frame. Letters should be written by professors, academic instructors, and/or applied anthropology professionals.
  - writing sample, such as the student's master's thesis or other sample of professional or academic writing

TOEFL or IELTS Scores

Non-native English speakers who do not qualify for an English proficiency waiver.

- official TOEFL iBT scores required with a 78 overall
- official IELTS (academic) scores required with a 6.5 overall and
  - minimum individual module scores of 6.0

This program does not offer admission if the scores above are not met.

Degree Requirements

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree with a major in Applied Anthropology requires 54 semester credit hours.

Course Requirements

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Theory

Choose 3 hours from the following:

- BIO 7406 Statistics and Experimental Design II
- CJ 7350E Discrete Multivariate Models
- ED 7353 Intermediate Quantitative Research Design and Analysis
- ED 7359 Seminar in Quantitative Research
- GEO 7301 Advanced Quantitative Methods in Geography
- SOCI 7307 Advanced Social Statistics
- SOCI 7318 Seminar in Advanced Statistical Applications

Research Techniques

Choose 6 hours from the following:

- ANTH 7308 Cultural Resource Management
- ANTH 7315 Advanced Archaeological Techniques
- ANTH 7326 Technical Methods in Anthropology
- ANTH 7351 GIS in Anthropology
- ANTH 7352 Applied Qualitative Methods
- ANTH 7353 Applied Anthropology Methods
- ANTH 7374 Advanced Human Osteology
- ANTH 7376 Forensic Analysis of Human Skeletal Remains

Prescribed Electives

Choose 15 hours from the following:

- ANTH 7300 Special Topics in Anthropological Methods
- ANTH 7301 Special Topics in Anthropological Studies
- ANTH 7395 Professional Externship
- ANTH 7398 Collaborative Research
- ANTH 7695 Professional Externship
- ANTH 7995 Professional Externship
- BIO 7433 Population Genetics
- CIS 7355 Database Management Systems
- ENG 7314 Specializations in Professional and Technical Communication Topics
- GEO 7361 Advanced Geographic Information Systems
- HIST 7372 Practice of Museum Studies and Public History
- HIST 7373 The Practice of Historic Preservation
- HS 7356 Policy Development in the Healthcare Arena
- MGT 7314 Organizational Behavior and Theory
- MKT 7321 Marketing Management
- PHIL 7355 Philosophy of Science

Dissertation

Choose a minimum of 18 hours from the following:

- ANTH 7199 Dissertation
- ANTH 7299 Dissertation
- ANTH 7399 Dissertation
- ANTH 7599 Dissertation
- ANTH 7699 Dissertation
- ANTH 7999 Dissertation

Application for Advancement to Candidacy

When all requirements for admission to candidacy have been met (completion of the 36 semester credit hours of required course work, a minimum GPA of 3.3 with no grades less than a “B” in all course work, passing of the comprehensive or qualifying exam, and successful defense of an approved dissertation proposal) the Ph.D. program director forwards the Application for Advancement to Candidacy to the dean of The Graduate College for review and approval. This application form is available on The Graduate College website. Incomplete grades must have been resolved before approval for advancement to candidacy will be granted.

Grade-Point Requirements for Advancement to Candidacy

A minimum GPA of 3.3 on all course work undertaken in the doctoral program is required for admission to candidacy. Grades below a “B” on any graduate course work cannot be applied toward the Ph.D. degree.

Dissertation Proposal

The proposal must explain the anthropological significance of the research, outline the substance and scope of the dissertation research, detail the methodology to be used and survey the relevant literature.

Comprehensive Examination

The comprehensive exam demonstrates that the student has gained mastery over substantive bodies of literature appropriate to the general topic to be addressed in the dissertation. The comprehensive exam will be based on a reading list generated by the student and agreed upon by their committee. The reading list will typically include examples of appropriate methodology, a review of literature in relevant theory, and a critical discussion of the major research question/topic. (However, other themes may also be appropriate.) A reading list will contain between 80 to 100 journal articles and chapters from edited books. An authored book will be considered the equivalent of 10 articles or book chapters. At least 60% of the reading list will come from journal articles or book chapters from edited books.

The comprehensive exam will be given in the department during two 4-hour time blocks over two consecutive weekdays. The questions for the exam will be created by the student’s dissertation committee and based on the student’s reading list. The number of questions may vary between 2 to 4 questions per day, but the total number of pages written by the students should not to exceed 20 double-spaced pages per day. The exam will be graded by the dissertation committee and returned within two weeks of the exam date.

Dissertation Enrollment Requirements

After being admitted to candidacy, students must be continuously enrolled for dissertation hours each fall and spring semester until the defense of their dissertation. At least 18 semester credit hours of dissertation research must be taken after having advanced to candidacy. If a student is receiving supervision on the dissertation during the summer or if the student is graduating in the summer, the student must be enrolled in dissertation hours for the summer. All candidates for graduation must be enrolled in dissertation hours (e.g., ANTH 7199) during the semester in which the degree is to be conferred, even if they have already satisfied the minimum dissertation hours.

Dissertation Time Limit

Each Ph.D. student must prepare a written dissertation proposal and defend it orally. This should be done by the time the student has completed 36 semester credit hours of required course work with a 3.3 GPA requirement, identified the dissertation committee, passed the comprehensive or qualifying exam, and successfully defended an approved dissertation proposal. After advancing to candidacy a student should complete their dissertation within five years, keeping in mind the
ten-year total time limit. If the proposal defense is not passed, the student will have the option of taking a second and final defense in the following long semester. Students will be dismissed from the program if they do not pass the proposal defense the second time.

**Dissertation Committee**

The student, in consultation with his/her dissertation advisor, must establish a dissertation committee that will consist of four members, including the student's dissertation committee chair, two other doctoral faculty members from the anthropology department, and one doctoral graduate faculty from another department at Texas State University or from another university. The student's dissertation committee chair will chair the committee. The student, the dissertation committee chair, and the Dean of The Graduate College will approve the composition of the dissertation committee.

**Committee Changes**

Any change to the dissertation committee must be submitted using the Dissertation Advisor/Committee Member Change Request Form for approval by the dean of The Graduate College. Committee changes must be submitted no later than 60 days before the dissertation defense. The “Dissertation Advisor/Committee Member Change Request form” may be downloaded from The Graduate College's website. The initial dissertation committee chair assignment, and its continuation, is subject to the approval of both parties. A dissertation committee chair can be changed with the approval of a student’s assigned dissertation committee chair, a student’s new dissertation committee chair, and the Ph.D. program director. If a dissertation committee chair withdraws mentorship, the student must secure a new dissertation committee chair within one long semester to stay on track in the program. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the program.

**Dissertation Proposal**

The proposal must explain the anthropological significance of the research, outline the substance and scope of the dissertation research, detail the methodology to be used, and survey the relevant literature.

**Dissertation Research and Writing**

All doctoral students must complete a dissertation that must represent an original contribution to scholarship based on independent investigation. The style, organization, and mechanics of the dissertation should follow the Graduate College Guide to Preparing and Submitting a Thesis or Dissertation. Referencing guidelines should either follow the American Anthropological Association or the guidelines from an appropriate professional journal, as deemed acceptable by the dissertation committee.

**Dissertation Defense**

In the semester in which the student intends to graduate, a complete draft of the dissertation must be submitted to the dissertation committee chair 75 days prior, and to the dissertation committee members 45 days prior, to the final date for dissertation defenses (as set by The Graduate College). After the dissertation committee chair and the committee members have reviewed the draft with the student and provided comments, the student will incorporate the recommended changes into a new draft of the dissertation. When the dissertation committee chair and committee members are satisfied that the draft dissertation is defendable, the dissertation defense may be scheduled. A notice of the dissertation defense should be posted in the department 10 days prior to the defense.

The dissertation defense consists of two parts. The first part is a public presentation of the dissertation research. Notice of the defense presentation will be posted at least two weeks in advance. The second part of the defense will immediately follow the public presentation but will be restricted to the student’s dissertation committee and entails an oral examination over the dissertation research. Approval of the dissertation requires positive votes from the student’s dissertation committee chair and a majority of the members of the dissertation committee. The results are stated on the Dissertation Defense Report form, and it and the Thesis/Dissertation Committee Approval form must be filed in The Graduate College before the Dean of The Graduate College gives final approval to the dissertation.

The student must submit the dissertation to The Graduate College for final approval. Specific guidelines for approval and submission of the dissertation are found in The Graduate College Guide to Preparing and Submitting a Thesis or Dissertation.

**Approval and Submission of the Dissertation**

Following approval and signing of the Thesis/Dissertation Committee Approval form by the members of the dissertation committee, the student must submit one copy of the dissertation to the office of The Graduate College for final approval. Specific guidelines for approval and submission of the dissertation can be obtained from the office of The Graduate College. Dissertations must be submitted in electronic format.

Doctoral level courses in Anthropology: ANTH (p. 3)

**Courses Offered**

**Anthropology (ANTH)**

**ANTH 7199. Dissertation.**

Original research and writing in Applied Anthropology to be accomplished under direct supervision of the dissertation advisor. While conducting dissertation research and writing, students must be continuously enrolled each long semester. Prerequisite: Acceptance into candidacy and consent of the dissertation committee chair.

1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

**ANTH 7299. Dissertation.**

Original research and writing in Applied Anthropology to be accomplished under direct supervision of the dissertation advisor. While conducting dissertation research and writing, students must be continuously enrolled each long semester. Prerequisite: Acceptance into candidacy and consent of the dissertation committee chair.

2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

**ANTH 7300A. Methods in Historical Archaeology.**

This course is an advanced survey of historical archaeology methods and theories that will intensively examine current trends in historical archaeology. Students will also be exposed to the material culture from historic period archaeological sites in Texas and North America.

3 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 1 Lab Contact Hour.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
ANTH 7301A. Seminar in Forensic Anthropology.
This seminar course is a critical survey of past and current research by forensic anthropologists. Through intensive review of the literature, students will understand the development of the discipline, current best practices, and new research directions within the field, and master the methods and theory used in forensic skeletal analysis.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Topics
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 7302. Teaching Anthropology.
This course is an introduction to key concepts and practices in the teaching of college-level Anthropology. It provides training in the practical aspects of classroom instruction, and is required for first-year teaching assistants. The course does not earn graduate degree credit.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Graduate Assistantship|Exclude from Graduate GPA
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

ANTH 7305. Anthropological Statistics.
In this leveling course, students learn basic quantitative statistics, how to evaluate quantitative methods presented in anthropological research papers, and be prepared for more advanced statistical methods classes. This course does not earn graduate degree credit.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

Students will examine topics relevant to cultural resource management (CRM), especially archaeology, but also history, architecture, and cultural anthropology, done in compliance with historic preservation and environmental laws. Topics include the history of CRM, legal and regulatory framework, organization, methods, funding, and ethical and practical dilemmas.
3 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 7310. Advanced Theory in Anthropology.
In this course students examine advanced theory in anthropology, drawing from one or more of the sub-disciplines. It includes both historical perspectives and contemporary usages.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 7311. Seminar in Cultural Anthropology.
In this leveling course, students learn the historical foundations of cultural anthropology, key theories and methods, and examples of contemporary practice. Topics include evolutionism, functionalism, structuralism, ethnoscience, neo-Marxism, postmodernism, modernity, and ethno-racial formation. The course does not earn graduate degree credit.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from Graduate GPA
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships

ANTH 7312. Seminar in Biological Anthropology.
In this leveling course, students learn the historical foundations of biological anthropology, its key theories and methods, and examples of its contemporary practice in evolutionary theory, human variation, paleoanthropology, primatology, and skeletal biology. The course does not earn graduate degree credit.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from Graduate GPA
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships

ANTH 7313. Seminar in Archaeology.
In this leveling course, students learn the historical foundations of archaeology, its key theories and methods, and examples of its contemporary practice in New World and Old World archaeology. The course does not earn graduate degree credit.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from Graduate GPA
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships

ANTH 7315. Advanced Archaeological Techniques.
The focus of this methods course is the analyses of archaeological materials, such as ceramics, lithics, or the images and symbols of prehistoric cultures. This course may be repeated once for credit, but no more than 6 hours will apply towards the doctoral degree.
3 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Technical field and laboratory methods provide a suite of tools for anthropologists and related disciplines to collect and analyze data from archaeological, bioarchaeological, forensic, and other contexts. This class focuses on practical aspects of data acquisition, analysis, and management for the various instruments (geophysical, geospatial, and imaging).
3 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 7341. Professional Ethics In Anthropology.
Anthropologists face a variety of ethical issues as they engage in research with human and animal subjects. In this course, students will focus on many topics including review boards (IRB, IACUC), collaboration with human groups, bioethics, advocacy and activism, repatriation, intellectual property and publication, cultural heritage preservation, and workplace ethics.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 7344. Proposal Writing.
In this course, students will develop the expert skills necessary to write competitive research grants and contracts for applied anthropology projects. The goal of this course is for students to write a submission-ready grant to fund their PhD dissertation research. Prerequisite: ANTH 7341.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
ANTH 7351. GIS in Anthropology.
Geographic Information Systems (GIS) provide a suite of tools for anthropologists. This class focuses on practical aspects of GIS for the acquisition, analysis and interpretation of anthropological data. Students will engage in a hands-on approach to learning GIS applications through data acquisition, thematic mapping, data analysis, and spatial analysis.
3 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 7352. Applied Qualitative Methods.
Instruction in this course includes methods necessary to conduct applied cultural anthropology research in interdisciplinary settings. Topics include contextual interviewing, diary studies, free listing, pile sorting, panel studies and surveys. Students will also learn how to design methodologies for different types of projects, including rapid qualitative inquiries.
3 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

This class focuses on how anthropology can solve practical problems in various disciplines, including behavioral health, education, human rights, community development, and business. Students will learn about client development, contract negotiations, project design, proposal writing, preparing deliverables, communicating results to a variety of stakeholders, teamwork, networking, and navigating ethical issues.
3 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 7374. Advanced Human Osteology.
This course is a detailed study of the human skeleton, with focus on individuals at all life stages. Topics include biomechanics, embryology, and histology. Students will learn to identify hard tissue features and landmarks on whole and fragmentary bones and relate these to the associated soft tissue anatomy.
3 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 7375. Forensic Analysis of Human Skeletal Remains.
This course focuses on technical case report writing and evidentiary best practices in forensic anthropological analysis of human skeletal remains. In addition to biological profile estimation techniques, research methods and theoretical foundations used for trauma analysis and taphonomic interpretation will be reviewed. Prerequisite: ANTH 5375 or an equivalent graduate-level course.
3 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 7395. Professional Externship.
Under the direction of the dissertation advisor, students will conduct supervised work or research, related to their professional development, at a public or private organization. Prerequisite: Approval of the dissertation committee chair and the doctoral program advisor are required.
3 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 7397. Directed Research.
Under the direction of the dissertation committee chair, students will prepare for their candidacy exams by developing a reading list of the theory and methods used in their anthropological sub-discipline. Prerequisite: Dissertation committee chair, department chair, and doctoral program advisor approval are required.
3 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

ANTH 7398. Collaborative Research.
In this course doctoral students initiate, conduct, and participate in collaborative research with graduate faculty. This course may be repeated once for credit, but not more than 6 hours will apply towards the doctoral degree. Prerequisite: Dissertation committee chair, department chair, and doctoral program advisor approval are required.
3 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 7399. Dissertation.
Original research and writing in Applied Anthropology to be accomplished under direct supervision of the dissertation advisor. While conducting dissertation research and writing, students must be continuously enrolled each long semester. Prerequisite: Acceptance into candidacy and consent of the dissertation committee chair.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

ANTH 7599. Dissertation.
Original research and writing in Applied Anthropology to be accomplished under direct supervision of the dissertation advisor. While conducting dissertation research and writing, students must be continuously enrolled each long semester. Prerequisite: Acceptance into candidacy and consent of the dissertation committee chair.
5 Credit Hours. 5 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

ANTH 7695. Professional Externship.
Under the direction of the dissertation advisor, students will conduct supervised work or research, related to their professional development, at a public or private organization. Prerequisite: Approval of the dissertation committee chair and the doctoral program advisor are required.
6 Credit Hours. 6 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Original research and writing in Applied Anthropology to be accomplished under direct supervision of the dissertation advisor. While conducting dissertation research and writing, students must be continuously enrolled each long semester. Prerequisite: Acceptance into candidacy and consent of the dissertation committee chair.
6 Credit Hours. 6 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
ANTH 7995. Professional Externship.
Under the direction of the dissertation advisor, students will conduct supervised work or research, related to their professional development, at a public or private organization. Prerequisite: Approval of the dissertation committee chair and the doctoral program advisor are required.
9 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 40 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 7999. Dissertation.
Original research and writing in Applied Anthropology to be accomplished under direct supervision of the dissertation advisor. While conducting dissertation research and writing, students must be continuously enrolled each long semester. Prerequisite: Acceptance into candidacy and consent of the dissertation committee chair.
9 Credit Hours. 9 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit