

# ANTHROPOLOGY MA

## More Information

### Advising Requirement

Advising is mandatory for this program. Consult your department advisor or program coordinator for information.

The Master of Arts in Anthropology provides students with a broad perspective on human biological and cultural development. This is achieved through coursework in human biology and evolution, archaeology and prehistory, linguistics, folklore, and contemporary peoples in Western and non-Western cultures. Emphasis is placed on the acquisition of practical methodologies and analytical skills unique to the discipline.

## Requirements for the MA in Anthropology

Completion of all requirements as established by the department graduate committee, the graduate advisory committee, and Graduate Studies, to include:

1. Completion of an approved program consisting of 33-35 units of 400/500/600-level courses as follows. (Note: Museum Studies option candidates will complete the prescribed coursework listed below.)
  - a. At least 24 units in the discipline of Anthropology.
  - b. At least 21 of the units required for the degree in 600-level courses.
  - c. At least 21 units in graduate courses.
  - d. At the discretion of the academic program, a maximum of 30 percent of the units counted toward the degree requirements may be special session credit earned in non-matriculated status combined with all transfer coursework. This applies to special session credit earned through Open University, or in courses offered for academic credit through Professional & Continuing Education. Correspondence courses and UC Extension coursework are not acceptable for transfer.
  - e. At least nine units completed after advancement to candidacy.
  - f. Not more than 15 units taken before admission to classified status.
  - g. Not more than four units of Independent Study (697); three to three units of Project (699P) or Thesis (699T).
2. Completion and final approval of a research project or thesis of adequate scope and depth, which must be approved by the graduate advisory committee. Graduate students must submit the final version of the project or thesis to the Graduate Coordinator no later than the end of the eighth week of the semester in which they intend to graduate.
3. Satisfactory completion of a comprehensive final oral examination in the field of study. All candidates are required to take an oral examination of two hours' duration. The examination will cover the student's coursework and area of specialization. In addition, the candidate is expected to be prepared to defend the project or thesis.
4. Approval by the department graduate committee and the Graduate Council on behalf of the faculty of the University.

Course	Title	Units
ANTH 600	Core Seminar in Anthropology	3
ANTH 601	Seminar in Biological Anthropology	3
ANTH 602	Seminar in Archaeology	3

ANTH 603	Seminar in Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH 696	Candidacy Exam	1
Select three units from the following:		3
ANTH 610A	Professionalism in Biological Anthropology	
ANTH 610B	Professionalism in Archaeology	
ANTH 610C	Professionalism in Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 610D	Professionalism in Museum Studies	
Select three units from the following:		3
ANTH 601	Seminar in Biological Anthropology	
ANTH 602	Seminar in Archaeology	
ANTH 603	Seminar in Cultural Anthropology	
Select two to four units from the following:		2-4
ANTH 697	Independent Study	
ANTH 699P	Master's Project <sup>1</sup>	
ANTH 699T	Master's Thesis <sup>1</sup>	
Select 12 units from the following:		12
Any 400/500/600 course in anthropology or another discipline in consultation with the graduate coordinator. Depending on the number of units of 697, 699P, or 699T units taken, at least 2-3 of the 12 units must be in Anthropology (e.g., ANTH 605, ANTH 689, ANTH 697) to ensure 24 units in Anthropology.		

**Total Units** **33-35**

<sup>1</sup> A minimum of one unit of ANTH 699P or ANTH 699T is required.

## The Option in Museum Studies

Course	Title	Units
ANTH 610D	Professionalism in Museum Studies	3
ANTH 696	Candidacy Exam	1
Select 18 units from the following:		18
ANTH 405	Making the Museum	
ANTH 461	People, Objects and Collections	
ANTH 462	Learning and Engagement in Museums	
ANTH 467	Exhibit Research, Design, and Installation	
ANTH 468	Current Topics in Museum Studies	
ANTH 605	Seminar in Museum Studies	
ANTH 689	Internship in Anthropology <sup>1</sup>	
Select three units from the following:		3
ANTH 697	Independent Study	
ANTH 699P	Master's Project <sup>2</sup>	
ANTH 699T	Master's Thesis <sup>2</sup>	
Select six units from the following:		6
ANTH 600	Core Seminar in Anthropology	
ANTH 601	Seminar in Biological Anthropology <sup>3</sup>	
ANTH 602	Seminar in Archaeology <sup>3</sup>	
ANTH 603	Seminar in Cultural Anthropology <sup>3</sup>	
Select three units from the following:		3
Graduate seminar in Anthropology or other appropriate discipline in consultation with the Museum Studies Coordinator.		

**Total Units** **34**

<sup>1</sup> Students may use any course from the ANTH 689A - ANTH 689E series to fulfill this requirement.

<sup>2</sup> A minimum of one unit of ANTH 699P or ANTH 699T is required.

<sup>3</sup> ANTH 601, ANTH 602, or ANTH 603 may be replaced by an equivalent graduate seminar from another discipline in consultation with the Museum Studies Coordinator.

## Graduate Grading Requirements

All courses in the major (with the exceptions of Independent Study - 697, Comprehensive Examination - 696, Master's Project - 699P, and Master's Thesis - 699T) must be taken for a letter grade, except those courses specified by the department as ABC/No Credit (400/500-level courses), AB/No Credit (600-level courses), or Credit/No Credit grading only. A maximum of 10 units combined of ABC/No Credit, AB/No Credit, and Credit/No Credit grades may be used on the approved program (including 697, 696, 699P, 699T and courses outside the major). While grading standards are determined by individual programs and instructors, it is also the policy of the University that unsatisfactory grades may be given when work fails to reflect achievement of the high standards, including high writing standards, expected of students pursuing graduate study.

Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average in each of the following three categories: all coursework taken at any accredited institution subsequent to admission to the master's program; all coursework taken at California State University, Chico subsequent to admission to the program; and all courses on the approved master's degree program.

Continuous enrollment is required. At the discretion of the academic program, a maximum of 30 percent of the units counted toward the degree requirements may be special session credit earned in non-matriculated status combined with all transfer coursework. This applies to special session credit earned through Open University, or in courses offered for academic credit through Professional & Continuing Education.

## Graduate Time Limit

All requirements for the degree are to be completed within five years of the end of the semester of enrollment in the oldest course applied toward the degree. See Master's Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/graduate-requirements/masters-degree-requirements/>) for complete details on general degree requirements.

## Graduate Requirement in Writing Proficiency

All students must demonstrate competency in writing skills as a requirement for graduation. Anthropology Master's degree students will demonstrate their writing competence on the Candidacy Examination (see "Advancement to Candidacy"). Students who do not meet departmental expectations will be required to seek help with their writing and demonstrate adequate improvement before they can proceed toward the Candidacy Examination. Students who fail one or more of the Candidacy Exams the first time they take the exams will be placed on administrative-academic notice, receiving official notification from Graduate Studies, according to University Policy, as stated in Academic Notice (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/academic-standards-policies/academic-policies-regulations/#academicnoticetext>).

## Prerequisites for Admission to Conditionally Classified Status:

1. Satisfactory grade point average as specified in Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Admission Requirements (<https://>

[catalog.csuchico.edu/graduate-requirements/graduate-postbaccalaureate-admission-requirements/](https://catalog.csuchico.edu/graduate-requirements/graduate-postbaccalaureate-admission-requirements/)).

2. Approval by the department and Graduate Studies.
3. An acceptable baccalaureate from an accredited institution, or an equivalent approved by Graduate Studies. If the applicant's previous work is deficient in Anthropology, the applicant will be required to take courses prescribed by the graduate committee.
4. Letters of recommendation from at least two faculty members familiar with the applicant's studies or professional persons with whom the applicant has worked.
5. Brief autobiographical sketch and statement of your goals in Anthropology.

## Prerequisites for Admission to Classified Status

In addition to any requirements listed above:

Demonstration of strength in the broad range of modern Anthropology in all of its subfields. This will normally be accomplished by successfully completing the following courses (or their equivalents) with a grade of B or higher or by passing the challenge examinations for these courses at an acceptable level.

Course	Title	Units
ANTH 301	Biological Anthropology	4
ANTH 302	Archaeology	3
ANTH 303	Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH 304	Language and Culture	3
ANTH 485	Formal Methods for Anthropology	3
ANTH 496W	Proseminar in the History of Theory and Method in Anthropology (W)	3

## Advancement to Candidacy

In addition to any requirements listed above:

1. Classified graduate standing and completion at the University of at least nine units of the proposed program.
2. Removal of all unit and course deficiencies.
3. Formation of the graduate advisory committee by the end of the semester in which classified status is granted. The committee shall consist of two voting members who are tenured or tenure-track faculty in the California State University, Chico Department of Anthropology.
4. Development of an approved program in consultation with the graduate advisory committee.
5. Successful completion of the Candidacy Examination by enrolling in ANTH 696 and writing three papers selected by the student from the following areas of cultural anthropology, physical anthropology, archaeology, and museology. This examination will be used to fulfill the literacy requirement.