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Anthropology

In the College of Arts and Letters

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Associateships

Sources of financial assistance available to qualified graduate students in anthropology each academic year include two Norton Allen Scholarships, the Paul Ezell Internship in Archaeology and occasional graduate teaching associateships. Application forms and additional information may be obtained from the chair of the department.

General Information

The Department of Anthropology offers graduate study leading to the Master of Arts degree in anthropology. The Master of Arts degree in anthropology provides systematic training through two specializations; (1) general anthropology specialization, with a strong theoretical component, for students who anticipate additional work leading to the doctoral degree in anthropology, or direct placement in an academic setting; (2) an applied anthropology specialization primarily for those who plan to seek employment in the nonacademic sector. This specialization is concerned with the application of anthropological method and theory to practical problems in business, government, and other settings.

Research and special instructional facilities provided by the Department of Anthropology include laboratories for archaeology, ethnology, linguistics, physical anthropology, and world prehistory. Additional facilities available in the community include the Museum of Man, the San Diego Zoo, and various internship sites for applied research.

Admission to Graduate Study

All students must satisfy the general requirements for admission to the University with classified graduate standing, as described in Part Two of this bulletin. In addition, students seeking the Master of Arts degree in anthropology must have completed or complete at least 15 upper division units including Anthropology 301, 302, 303, and 304, or the equivalent to those required for an undergraduate major in anthropology at San Diego State University. Students receiving a bachelor's degree in anthropology from San Diego State University must have at least a B average (3.0 grade point average) in the four 300-level core courses (Anthropology 301, 302, 303, and 304). Applicants from other undergraduate programs must have a B average in the courses equivalent to Anthropology 301, 302, 303, and 304. The student must also have an overall 3.0 (B) grade point average in all undergraduate courses or consent of the department.

Students applying for admission should electronically submit the University application available at www.csumentor.edu.

The following materials should be submitted as a complete package directly to the Department of Anthropology:

- (1) Two sets of official transcripts (in sealed envelopes) from all post high school institutions;
- (2) GRE scores (official notification);
- (3) A copy of your University application;
- (4) Three letters of recommendation (in sealed and signed envelopes) from persons in a position to judge academic ability;
- (5) One typewritten example of academic writing (research term paper, etc.).

Materials should be submitted by October 1 for admission for the Spring semester and March 1 for the Fall semester.

Mail or deliver your complete admissions package to:

Department of Anthropology
(Attention: Graduate Adviser)
San Diego State University
5500 Campanile Drive
San Diego, CA 92182-4443

Advancement to Candidacy

All students must satisfy the general requirements for advancement to candidacy as described in Part Two of this bulletin. In addition, students completing the General Anthropology specialization must: (1) satisfactorily complete all four core seminars (601, 602, 603, and 604) with a minimum grade point average of 3.0, and no less than a B- grade in each of the four core seminars, and (2) according to the specific recommendation of the Department of Anthropology, pass either an examination demonstrating working knowledge of an appropriate foreign language, or complete a sequence of at least one lower division and one upper division course (with a grade point average of 2.0 or better) in either:

- (a) Foreign language recommended by the department, or
- (b) Anthropology 580 (Anthropological Data Analysis) or one of the following sequences in statistics: Biology 215 and 597A; Sociology 201 and 406 or 407; Statistics 250 and 350A.

In addition to the above, the student must meet a third requirement for advancement to candidacy: an approved thesis proposal.

Those students who choose the Applied Anthropology specialization must: (1) satisfactorily complete three core seminars (601, 602, 603, or 604) selected with the approval of the graduate coordinator with a minimum grade point average of 3.0, and no less than a B- grade in each of the three core seminars; (2) satisfactorily complete Anthropology 621; and (3) satisfactorily complete a lower division course in quantitative methods (Biology 215, Psychology 270, Sociology 201, or Statistics 250) and Anthropology 580 (Anthropological Data Analysis) with no less than a B- in each course. An approved thesis proposal is also required for advancement to candidacy for students who choose the applied anthropology specialization.

Specific Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree

(Major Code: 22021)

In addition to meeting the basic requirements for the Master of Arts degree as described in Part Two of this bulletin, students selecting the General Anthropology specialization must complete a graduate

program of at least 30 units of which at least 21 units must be in 600- and 700-numbered courses in anthropology, to include:

1. Anthropology 601, 602, 603, and 604 (with a minimum grade point average of 3.0, and no less than a B- grade in each of these core seminars); only classified students may enroll in these courses);
2. Anthropology 797, Research (3) (to be taken after advancement to candidacy);
3. Anthropology 799A, Thesis (3).

Students selecting the Applied Anthropology specialization must complete a graduate program of at least 30 units, of which at least 21 units must be in the 600- and 700-numbered courses in anthropology, or with the approval of the graduate coordinator, in related disciplines. The coursework for this specialization must include:

1. Nine units of core seminars chosen from Anthropology 601, 602, 603, or 604 with the approval of the graduate coordinator (with a minimum grade point average of 3.0, and no less than a B- grade in each of these core seminars);
2. Anthropology 580 (3) and Anthropology 621 (3) (courses to be taken prior to advancement to candidacy and prior to internship placement);
3. Anthropology 795 (6) (to be taken after advancement to candidacy);
4. Anthropology 799A, Thesis (3).

All graduate students must take a final oral examination on the general field of the thesis which must be passed as a requirement for the degree. Only Plan A, requiring the thesis, is permitted for the Master of Arts degree in anthropology.

Courses Acceptable on Master's Degree Program in Anthropology (ANTH)

UPPER DIVISION COURSES

500. Primate Social Behavior (3)

Two lectures and three hours of laboratory.

Prerequisite: Anthropology 101.

Analysis of modes of primate socialization and development of social behavior with emphases on communication, group structure, aggression, and sex. Various methods of analysis and observation practiced utilizing primate collection at the San Diego Zoo.

501. Paleoanthropology (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 101. Recommended: Anthropology 301.

Fossil evidence for human evolution. Comparative and functional anatomy of fossil human and infrahuman primates; geochronology, paleoecology, and cultural associations; taxonomic implications.

503. Human Variation (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 101.

Morphological, physiological and genetic aspects of human variability. Significance of this diversity in the biological adaptations of human populations.

505. Human Osteology (3)

Two lectures and three hours of laboratory.

Prerequisite: Anthropology 101. Recommended: Anthropology 301 and/or Biology 212.

Identification of individual bones and teeth; sex, age, and racial variation; stature reconstruction; continuous and discontinuous morphological variations; paleopathology. Training in observations, measurements, and analyses.

508. Medical Anthropology (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 101 or 102.

Evolution and ecology of disease, medical beliefs and practices in non-Western cultures, and complexities of health care delivery in pluralistic societies.

509. Culture and Biological Aging (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 101 or 102.

Do different populations age at different rates? Theories of biological aging, genetics of longevity and cultural influences on biological aging. Process of aging and role of the aged in various cultures.

520. Ethnographic Field Methods (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.

Problems and techniques of field work in ethnographic and social anthropological research; field work projects conducted using various qualitative and quantitative research techniques. Students work with informants in various settings.

529. Urban Anthropology (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.

Urban adaptations of past and present societies. Descriptive topics and applied concerns regarding urban origins, migrations, kinship, ethnicity, stratification, and change. Ethnographic examples drawn from Western and non-Western societies.

531. Applied Anthropology (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.

Application of anthropological concepts to solve human problems in a wide range of areas including research such as social impact assessment and evaluation, and interventions such as cultural brokerage and community development. Examples of applied work used from both western and non-western societies.

535. Sex, Gender, Kinship, and Marriage (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.

Anthropological theories and typologies relating to kinship and marriage systems, their history, their relationship to cultural practices, their implications for constraints on sexual practices, and their significance in definition of gender and gender hierarchies in world societies.

560. Advanced Archaeological Field Techniques (3)

Six hours of activity.

Prerequisite: Anthropology 312.

Advanced projects in excavation and stabilization of ruins, archaeological surveys, laboratory analysis, preparation of reports, and act as unit supervisor. Course may be repeated with consent of instructor. Maximum credit six units.

561. Archaeological Laboratory Methods (3)

Two lectures and three hours of laboratory.

Prerequisite: Anthropology 560.

Application of palynology, paleontology and relevant technologies. Individual laboratory research project required.

580. Anthropological Data Analysis (3)

Two lectures and three hours of laboratory.

Prerequisites: Anthropology 101 or 102 and a statistics course. Recommended: Psychology 270 or Sociology 201.

Computer oriented data analysis class utilizing anthropological data sets. Special section of the SPSS computer workshop is required.

582. Regional Anthropology (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.

Study of societies in a major geographical region of the world such as Africa, the Arctic, East Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, North America, Oceania, or South Asia. See Class Schedule for specific content. May be repeated with new content. Maximum credit six units.

583. Topical Anthropology (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.

Study of a major subdiscipline such as political anthropology, economic anthropology, social anthropology, psychological anthropology, cultural ecology, applied anthropology, anthropological genetics, or environmental archaeology. See Class Schedule for specific content. May be repeated with new content. Maximum credit six units.

GRADUATE COURSES

600. Seminar (3)

An intensive study in advanced anthropology. See Class Schedule for specific content. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master's degree.

601. Seminar in Physical Anthropology (3)

Prerequisite: Classified graduate standing and 12 upper division units in anthropology.

History and theory in physical anthropology stressing the significant literature on such topics as functional anatomy, human paleontology, population genetics, and primatology.

602. Seminar in Archaeology (3)

Prerequisite: Twelve upper division units in anthropology.

History and theory in archaeological data collection, analysis, and interpretation.

603. Seminar in Ethnology (3)

Prerequisite: Twelve upper division units in anthropology.

History and theory in ethnology stressing the significant literature on such topics as cross-cultural comparison, structural-functional analysis and description, personality and culture, and sociocultural change.

604. Seminar in Linguistics (3)

Prerequisite: Twelve upper division units in anthropology.

History and theory of linguistics stressing the significant literature on such topics as cultural cognition, descriptive linguistics, lexicostatistics, and transformational analysis.

621. Seminar in Topical Anthropology (3)

Prerequisite: Twelve upper division units in anthropology.

Study of a major subdiscipline such as political anthropology, economic anthropology, social anthropology, psychological anthropology, cultural ecology, applied anthropology, race and variation, or

environmental archaeology. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master's degree. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content.

795. Internship in Anthropology (3-9) Cr/NC

Prerequisites: Classified graduate standing and consent of instructor.

Students assigned to various government and private agencies in which anthropological theory can be applied. Supervision shared by department supervisor and on-the-job supervisor. Maximum credit nine units; three units applicable to a master's degree.

797. Research (3) Cr/NC/RP

Prerequisite: Advancement to candidacy.

Independent investigation in the general field of the thesis.

798. Special Study (1-3) Cr/NC/RP

Prerequisite: Consent of staff; to be arranged with department chair and instructor.

Individual study directed toward the preparation of a paper on a specific problem. May be repeated with variable content, with a maximum credit of three units applicable to a master's degree.

799A. Thesis (3) Cr/NC/RP

Prerequisites: An officially appointed thesis committee and advancement to candidacy.

Preparation of a project or thesis for the master's degree.

799B. Thesis Extension (0) Cr/NC

Prerequisite: Prior registration in Thesis, 799A, with an assigned grade symbol of RP.

Registration required in any semester or term following assignment of RP in Course 799A in which the student expects to use the facilities and resources of the university; also student must be registered in the course when the completed thesis is granted final approval.

