

MASTER'S PROGRAM IN ANTHROPOLOGY  
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

I. Application Requirements

A. General Graduate School Requirements

1. GPA of 3.0 (B average) except in unusual circumstances
2. Bachelor's degree
3. Application form
4. Filing Fee
5. Two official transcripts of all collegiate work.
6. Students should consult the Graduate School Bulletin or web site ([www.colostate.edu/DEPTS/graduate](http://www.colostate.edu/DEPTS/graduate)) for information about forms, grievance procedures, additional requirements for foreign students, etc.

B. Anthropology Department Requirements

- 1. The application deadline is February 15.**
2. Letter expressing the student's reasons for wishing to pursue graduate studies in Anthropology at Colorado State University.
3. Three letters of recommendation, two of which must be from faculty who have supervised the student's work.
4. A copy of a term paper, honors thesis, or senior thesis which best expresses the applicant's ability.
5. Results of the Graduate Record Examination Aptitude Test.
6. If a student accepted for admission does not have a major or minor in Anthropology or a minimum of one course in each of the three subfields (biological anthropology, socio-cultural anthropology, and archaeology), the student will be required to complete one introductory course in each of the subfields in which the deficiency occurs. Students with such deficiencies will be notified at the time of acceptance into the program.

II. Graduation Requirements

A. Course Requirements

1. Any course identified as necessary to meet deficiencies as determined above.
2. All students must take AP 500, Development of Anthropological Theory.
3. All students must take one methods course chosen in consultation with their advisor from the list approved by the department. If the methods course is also counted as a course outside Anthropology, then the student must take one additional, regular, graduate-level Anthropology course.
4. All students must take a minimum of 3 hours of courses numbered 500-799 with the AP prefix (a graduate level class in Anthropology), in a subfield other than the student's subfield of specialization.
5. All students must take a minimum of 6 hours of courses numbered 300-799 without the AP prefix (outside the Anthropology Department) and integrated with the student's program of study.

6. Including the core requirements listed above, all students must have a minimum of 19 hours of regular course work in Anthropology.

B. Credit Requirements

1. Plan A (thesis option): 30 hours, 16 hours in courses numbered 500-799. The 16 hours may include outside courses; 12 of the hours must be regular courses.
2. Plan B (exam option): 36 hours, 16 hours in courses numbered 500-799. The 16 hours may include outside courses; 12 of the hours must be regular courses.

C. Final Examination: Required of all students

1. A written examination is required of all Plan B (exam option) students.
  - a. The examination will consist of two components:
    - (i). three in-department examinations in each of three subfields (socio-cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, and archaeology).
    - (ii). a library-based research paper devoted to an area of specialization selected in consultation with the advisor.
  - b. Questions and topics will be provided to students upon their entry into the program in order to help them prepare for the written exam. The questions and topics that appear on the exam will be selected from this list by the faculty.
  - c. Grading of the exam will be conducted by the faculty.
  - d. A student who fails any part of the exam will be re-examined no sooner than two months nor later than 12 months following the first examination.
  - e. A student who fails any part of the exam may be required to complete further course work prior to re-examination.
  - f. If upon re-examination the student fails again, he or she will be required to leave the program without obtaining a degree.
2. An oral examination is required of all students in both Plan A and Plan B. The oral exam:
  - a. Must be attended by the full committee.
  - b. May cover any area in which student has had relevant course work.
  - c. Will also constitute a defense of the thesis in the case of students pursuing Plan A.
  - d. Grading will be conducted by the student's committee.
  - e. A student who fails the exam will be re-examined no sooner than two months nor later than 12 months following the first examination.
  - f. A student who fails the exam may be required to complete further course work prior to re-examination.
  - g. If upon re-examination the student fails again, he or she will be required to leave the program without obtaining a degree.

III. Summary of Degree Plan Options

A. Plan A - Thesis Option

1. Execution of a minimum of 30 hours of course work.
  - a. Course work should be concentrated in anthropological areas relevant to professional goals.

- b. Outside course work should be integrated with anthropology courses.
- 2. Preparation of an acceptable thesis on research carried out by the student. The procedure will include:
  - a. Submission of a proposal to the student's committee for review.
  - b. Defense of the proposal before the committee and interested faculty resulting in the final form of the proposal. Defense should be made prior to the initiation of research.
  - c. Completion of the research.
  - d. Preparation of the thesis.
- 3. Credit requirements.
  - a. Minimum of 30 credits of course work, which includes a minimum of 16 credits with the AP prefix and a minimum of 6 credits without the AP prefix.
    - i. AP 500, Development of Anthropological Theory (4 credits).
    - ii. Six credits in courses numbered 300-799 without the AP prefix (outside the Anthropology Department).
    - iii. A minimum of 3 credits of courses numbered 500-799 (graduate-level course in Anthropology) with the AP prefix in a subfield other than the student's subfield of specialization.
    - iv. Three credits in a methods course appropriate to the student's research interests.
    - v. Six credits in regular numbered 300-799 with the AP prefix in addition to the core requirements described above. A regular course is one whose last two digits are from 00 through 81.
    - vi. Maximum of 6 credits of AP 699, Thesis Credit, may be used in program of study.
    - vii. Maximum of 6 credits of AP 695, Independent Study, may be used in program of study.
  - b. Of the 30 credits, a minimum of 16 credits must be in courses numbered 500-799; 12 of those must be regular courses. A regular course is one whose last two digits are from 00 through 79.
  - c. Oral final examination.

#### B. Plan B- Exam Option

- 1. Execution of a minimum of 36 hours of course work.
  - a. Course work may be distributed or concentrated as determined in consultation with the student's committee.
  - b. Outside course work will be distributed or integrated with the anthropology courses at the discretion of the student's committee.
- 2. Credit requirements
  - a. Minimum of 36 credits which includes a minimum of 19 credits with the AP prefix and a minimum of 6 credits without the AP prefix.
    - i. AP 500, Development of Anthropological Theory (4 credits).
    - ii. Six credits in courses numbered 300-799 without the AP prefix (outside the Anthropology Department).

- iii. A minimum of 3 credits of courses numbered 500-799 (graduate-level anthropology course) with the AP prefix in a subfield other than the student's subfield of specialization.
- iv. Three credits in a methods course appropriate to the student's research interests.
- v. Six credits in regular numbered 300-799 with the AP prefix in addition to the core requirements described above. A regular course is one whose last two digits are from 00 through 79.
- vi. Maximum of 6 credits of AP 695, Independent Study, may be used in program of study.
- b. Of the 36 credits, a minimum of 16 credits must be in courses numbered 500-799; 12 of those credits must be from regular numbered courses. A regular course is one that whose last two digits are 00 through 79.
3. Written final examination that covers socio-cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, and archaeology and includes a library-research paper in an area of specialization.
4. Oral examination.

#### IV. Other Policies

- A. First semester students will be assigned to a temporary advisor on the basis of the information given in their letters of intent.
- B. Deficiencies will be determined by the department graduate committee on the basis of the student's previous course work. Generally, students who lack a major or minor in Anthropology and who have not taken a minimum of one course in each of the three subfields will be considered deficient and required to take an introductory course in the relevant subfields during their first semester. Credit hours earned toward deficiency clearance may not be used for program of study credit hour requirements.
- C. Students are strongly encouraged to specify their areas of course concentration and form a committee by the end of their second semester in residence. The Graduate School requires that a Master's committee be formed and a GS6 form detailing the student's Program of Study be filed before the fourth regular semester. Committee members and degree plans may be changed at any time by means of consultation between the student and committee according to appropriate Graduate School procedure.
- D. Incompletes - a student may not carry more than two incomplete grades simultaneously. Addition of more incompletes will result in suspension or dismissal from the program as deemed appropriate by the committee. Students carrying two incompletes will not be eligible for Graduate Assistantships or Tuition Scholarships.
- E. Foreign language or statistical competency may be required of some students at the discretion of their advising committee.