ANTHROPOLOGY (ANTH)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Behavioral and Social Sciences

Abstract

The Department of Anthropology offers graduate study leading to the Master of Applied Anthropology (MAA) and the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees. Both degrees reflect the department's special interest and expertise in the applications of anthropology. Current faculty members represent the subfields of the discipline (archaeology and socio-cultural anthropology). Drawing their intellectual and applied orientations from training and application of the above subdisciplines, the department's faculty also recognize the need to identify topics or problems where the expertise of individual faculty members can be applied in a manner that integrates the subdisciplines. In this ongoing effort, the faculty has identified three areas of research concentration: Anthropology of Health, Anthropology of Environment, and Anthropology of Heritage. The areas can be thought to contain and generate research problems of interest to the faculty’s experience and expertise within the subdisciplines. These problems can be addressed individually through socio-cultural anthropology and archaeology. However, the anthropological contribution to addressing these problems is enhanced by collaboration across subdiscipline interests and expertise.

The Master of Applied Anthropology (MAA) is a program designed both for students interested in an anthropology career outside of academia and for those who plan on continuing to a PhD. The program has been offered at the University of Maryland since 1984, and graduates have successfully secured employment or pursued doctoral work in a variety of fields, such as working in the areas of medical and health practice, urban and regional planning and development, community development, conservation and heritage resource development, cultural resource management, and historical archaeology. The focus of the MAA program has been to participate in the building of anthropological practice. A major focus of the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program is to direct research scholarship and to encourage theoretical and methodological advancement in such a way as to reflect upon the specific practices of anthropology, with the aim of improving those practices and thereby increasing the value and usefulness of the discipline. Doctoral students are typically prepared for research and development careers outside of academic settings, as well as for academic careers in anthropology departments and other disciplinary settings.

Financial Assistance

A limited number of Departmental Fellowships and Teaching Assistantships are available to qualified graduate students. Part-time employment related to department research is occasionally available.

Doctoral students have the option of applying for Fellowships in Support of Diversity and Inclusion (https://anth.umd.edu/content/graduate-admissions). If you're interested in applying for the Fellowships in Support of Diversity and Inclusion in the Behavioral and Social Sciences (2017-18), please be sure to upload your materials under "Supplementary Application" when submitting your online admissions application.

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Other Deadlines: Please visit the program website at http://www.anth.umd.edu

Requirements

- Anthropology, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/anthropology-anth/anthropology-phd)
- Anthropology, Master of Applied Anthropology (M.A.A.) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/anthropology-anth/anthropology-maa)

Facilities and Special Resources

The Department of Anthropology has four archaeology labs: the Archaeological Heritage Lab, a lab related to the Archaeology in Annapolis project, a lab related to Irish Rural Lifeways, and a Zooarchaeology lab. Additional research facilities include the Center for Heritage Resource Studies (CHRS), which conducts and supports basic and applied research in heritage resource studies, one Ecological Anthropology lab, a Human Complexity and Modelling lab, and the Immigrant Life Course Research Program.