Master of Arts in Anthropology

Why study anthropology?

Because anthropology explains the diversity of humanity.

Admission to Graduate Studies

An applicant seeking to pursue graduate study in the College may be admitted as either a degree-seeking or non-degree seeking student. Policies and procedures of Graduate Studies govern the process of Graduate admission. These may be found in the Graduate Studies (http://catalog.ku.edu/graduate-studies) section of the online catalog.

Please consult the Departments & Programs (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences) section of the online catalog for information regarding program-specific admissions criteria and requirements. Special admissions requirements pertain to Interdisciplinary Studies degrees, which may be found in the Graduate Studies section of the online catalog.

Graduate Admission to the Anthropology Program

The Anthropology graduate program only admits 'degree-seeking' applicants. The Graduate Record Examination is recommended but not required for admission; however, to be considered for university fellowships (GTA appointment), GRE scores are required. The graduate program begins at an advanced level. Preparation for the program through completion of an undergraduate major in anthropology is encouraged but not required. Some undergraduate preparation in fields closely related to anthropology, such as biology, sociology, psychology, linguistics, economics, geography, or geology, is strongly recommended.

Undergraduate courses in such subjects as biology, philosophy, genetics, computer science, and history are of considerable value to the graduate student in anthropology. Proficiency in a modern foreign language and in statistics is of special importance to candidates for graduate work in anthropology and should be acquired during the undergraduate years. All students entering the program with a bachelor's degree must enroll in the M.A. program. Admission to the Ph.D. program is ordinarily contingent upon completion of the master's degree in anthropology. A student with a master's degree in anthropology from another institution may apply directly to the Ph.D. program.

Submit your graduate application online (http://graduate.ku.edu/ku-graduate-application).

M.A. Degree Requirements

The M.A. program is a general curriculum for students who wish to enter the Ph.D. program in anthropology or who plan to pursue graduate studies only to the M.A. level. Formal requirements for the M.A. include

1. Completion of 30 credit hours of graduate work in anthropology and related disciplines including

   Select three of the following:

   ANTH 701 History of Anthropology
   ANTH 702 Current Archaeology
   ANTH 703 Current Biological Anthropology
   ANTH 704 Current Cultural Anthropology

   ANTH 706 Current Linguistic Anthropology

2. Completion of the subdiscipline requirements;
3. Completion of the M.A. thesis, non-thesis (research paper accepted for publication or an internship report), or M.A. non-thesis coursework equivalent; and
4. Passing the final M.A. examination.

Handbook for Graduate Students

Detailed information, application deadlines, and general information may be found in the Graduate Student Handbook, available on the Anthropology Graduate website (http://anthropology.ku.edu/helpful-links-graduate-students).