We live in an interconnected, complex and challenging world. Individuals of different cultural backgrounds now meet on a daily basis. Governments, corporations and service providers of all kinds must regularly work with people who have different cultures, different experiences and different understandings of the world.

The Department of Anthropology at Texas State University offers a master of arts program that emphasizes a holistic approach based on the four subdisciplines of anthropology: archaeology, biological anthropology, cultural anthropology and linguistic anthropology. A major strength of the program is that it is a research-based, thesis-only program.

Students in the program receive the highest quality graduate-level education possible, and those who wish to continue their graduate studies in anthropology at the Ph.D. level will be able to compete successfully for entrance into top-tier programs. Students who are interested in non-academic careers that require, or are facilitated by, an advanced degree in anthropology will have the tools and training they need to secure employment. Our graduates are professional, ethical and productive.

The graduate curriculum, fieldwork opportunities, laboratories and research centers provide an excellent foundation for student research, grant writing experience, and numerous training and educational activities.
Course Work
Students complete a total of 36 semester hours, including core seminars in cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, archaeology and statistics, and six hours of thesis.

The remaining 18 hours are determined by each student’s area of specialization. Our graduate curriculum offers more than 40 topical courses. Students may take up to six credit hours outside the department.

Faculty Interests
Faculty in the Department of Anthropology have broad expertise and interest in the subdisciplines:

- Archaeology: complex societies in Mesoamerica, South America and the United States; iconography, geoarchaeology, ceramic and lithic analysis, hunter-gatherers and agricultural groups in Texas and Africa, and the applied area of cultural resource management
- Biological anthropology: human biological variation, bioarchaeology, primate behavioral ecology, the evolution of primate cognition, primate behavioral development, primate conservation, and the applied area of forensic anthropology
- Cultural and linguistic anthropology: anthropological theory, political economy, globalization, race and gender, Latino/Latina issues, Latin American cultures, West African cultures and languages, sociolinguistics, phonetics, and the applied area of medical anthropology and public health

Laboratories and Centers
The Department of Anthropology houses fully equipped laboratories and centers for training and research in cultural anthropology, linguistic anthropology, archaeology and biological anthropology.

- The Center for Archaeological Studies (CAS) provides student training in archaeological research in the New and Old Worlds and cultural resource management in Texas.
- The Archaeological Curation Facility (ACF) offers students curatorial training and is one of three facilities located at a Texas university certified by the Texas Historical Commission as a state curatorial facility.
- The Center for the Arts and Symbolism in Ancient America (CASAA) is an academic center where students can study prehistoric works of ancient art in the Americas.
- The Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State (FACTS) gives students hands-on experience with forensic casework, excavation and recovery methods, and laboratory analysis of human remains.
- At the Forensic Anthropology Research Facility (FARF) students conduct research on taphonomy and human decomposition.

Admission Policy
In addition to the general requirements for admission to the Texas State Graduate College, the master’s degree in anthropology program requires a minimum GPA of at least a 3.0 during the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work before the bachelor’s degree.

Each applicant must submit the following to the Graduate College:
- the online Graduate College application through ApplyTexas
- application fee
- one official transcript from each senior level or post-secondary college or university attended
- official Graduate Record Exam (GRE). See www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/anth.html for details about GRE requirements.
- a statement of purpose regarding academic interests in one of the subdisciplines and identifying possible areas of anthropological research
- three letters of recommendation
- curriculum vita or résumé

Visit www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/apply for more information, where to submit application documents and an online application. The priority deadline is January 15 and the standard deadline is May 15.

Financial Assistance
For information about scholarships, financial aid and deadlines, visit the Graduate College website at www.gradcollege.txstate.edu and click on Financing your Graduate Education. Please note that program admission priority deadlines must be met in order to be considered for scholarships, fellowships and assistantships.

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