Department Mission
The world is an increasingly interconnected, complex and challenging place. Governments, corporations and service providers of all kinds must regularly interact with people of differing cultures, experiences and understandings of the world. Highly marketable anthropological training gives students the skills and background necessary to navigate this global society. The mission of the Department of Anthropology at Texas State is to educate and train students to become professional, practicing anthropologists in the 21st century.

Concentrations Offered:
> Archaeology
> Biological Anthropology
> Cultural Anthropology

Texas State’s anthropology master’s program is second to none. Never before have I witnessed faculty who are so committed to providing students opportunities to work with our unparalleled resources, encouraging publication of our original research and fostering a sense of camaraderie.

– Alex Goots, current M.A. student at Texas State University

Student learn to think critically, communicate effectively and apply their anthropological expertise to issues of global concern.

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Why choose Texas State?
The Department of Anthropology at Texas State offers a comprehensive curriculum, national and international field work opportunities, dedicated archaeological and forensic research centers/laboratories and community-based cultural anthropology research projects. These experiences provide students with the solid foundation they need to become professional anthropologists in both the academic and non-academic job markets.

The anthropology program provides a cutting-edge educational experience for students interested in applied careers. The graduate curriculum, research opportunities and specialized faculty provide the resources necessary for student success.

Course Work
Texas State’s anthropology program provides the highest quality education for students in preparation for doctoral studies or professional careers through faculty expertise, concentrated course work, beyond-the-classroom training in fieldwork and research and student-centered guidance. The two-year master of arts (M.A.) program in anthropology emphasizes a holistic approach to the anthropological domains. Students complete a total of 36 credit hours, including core seminars in archaeology, biological anthropology, cultural anthropology, as well as methods classes and six credits of thesis hours. The remaining 18 hours of electives are determined by each student’s area of concentration.

Faculty
Faculty engage in a variety of research. The archaeology faculty focus on hunter-gatherer lifeways, complex societies, iconography, ceramic and lithic analysis, Native American ethnology, paleoenvironments, landscape archaeology, behavioral ecology, geoarchaeology and cultural resource management. The biological anthropology faculty specialize in forensic anthropology, human variation, bioarchaeology, paleopathology, primate behavioral ecology and conservation, primate behavioral development and cognition. The cultural anthropology faculty have expertise in medical anthropology, anthropological theory, political economy, globalization, race and ethnicity, gender, obesity and body image, sociolinguistics, phonetics and discourse analysis.

Career Options
Due to the research-based, thesis-only structure of the graduate anthropology M.A. degree, students gain a competitive advantage when applying to doctoral programs or pursuing non-academic career paths. Anthropology graduates have been successful in achieving professional careers outside academia in governmental, private, public, research and nonprofit arenas, as well as entering top-tier doctoral programs.

Important Deadlines*
Admissions
Fall: January 15
Spring: No admission
Summer: No admission
Funding: Scholarships, Fellowships and Assistantships
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