

Research

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The PhD is a research-based degree program that requires the composition and defense of a doctoral dissertation. The research process routinely entails students signing up for a variable number of research hours; however, no hours are explicitly required to meet the 50 hour minimum.

Department of Anthropology PhD Program Hours

If a student has taken any of their subarea-specific courses during their MA program at OSU, they will take free-electives to reach their 50 hours.

Hours for students **who received** their MA from our department

- 6 hours- Coursework outside of the department
 - Anatomy 710
 - Anatomy 750
- 6 hours- Methodology
 - Anthropology 820.24
 - Anthropology 820.25
- 3 hours- Grant writing
 - Anthropology 828
- 12 hours- Anthropology electives
 - Anthropology 603.02
 - Anthropology 640.02
 - Anthropology 640.04
 - Anthropology 820.06
- 6-12 hours- Subarea-specific courses
 - Anthropology 701.01
 - Anthropology 701.02
- 11-17 hours- Elective
 - 8 hours of Dissertation Research in the department
 - Anthropology 750
 - Anthropology 820.04
 - Anthropology 820.30

Total= 50 hours

Hours for students **who did not receive** their MA from our department

- 12 hours- Theory core
 - Anthropology 702

- Anthropology 747
- Anthropology 802
- Anthropology 820.01
- 6 hours- Coursework outside of the department
 - Anatomy 710
 - Anatomy 750
- 6 hours- Methodology
 - Anthropology 820.24
 - Anthropology 820.25
- 3 hours- Grant writing
 - Anthropology 828
- 12 hours- Anthropology electives
 - Anthropology 603.02
 - Anthropology 640.02
 - Anthropology 640.04
 - Anthropology 820.06
- 6-12 hours- Subarea-specific courses
 - Anthropology 701.01
 - Anthropology 701.02
- 0-5 hours- Electives
 - 5 hours of Dissertation Research in the department

Total= 50 hours

Status: PENDING

PROGRAM REQUEST
Anthropology

Last Updated: Myers,Dena Elizabeth
05/26/2011

Fiscal Unit/Academic Org	Anthropology - D0711
Administering College/Academic Group	Social And Behavioral Sciences
Co-administering College/Academic Group	
Semester Conversion Designation	Converted with minimal changes to program goals and/or curricular requirements (e.g., sub-plan/specialization name changes, changes in electives and/or prerequisites, minimal changes in overall structure of program, minimal or no changes in program goals or content)
Current Program/Plan Name	Anthropology
Proposed Program/Plan Name	Anthropology
Program/Plan Code Abbreviation	ANTHROP-PH
Current Degree Title	Doctor of Philosophy

Credit Hour Explanation

Program credit hour requirements		A) Number of credit hours in current program (Quarter credit hours)	B) Calculated result for 2/3rds of current (Semester credit hours)	C) Number of credit hours required for proposed program (Semester credit hours)	D) Change in credit hours
Total minimum credit hours required for completion of program		120	80.0	80	0.0
Required credit hours offered by the unit	Minimum	100	66.7	68	1.3
	Maximum	110	73.3	75	1.7
Required credit hours offered outside of the unit	Minimum	10	6.7	6	0.7
	Maximum	20	13.3	12	1.3
Required prerequisite credit hours not included above	Minimum	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Maximum	0	0.0	0	0.0

Program Learning Goals

Note: these are required for all undergraduate degree programs and majors now, and will be required for all graduate and professional degree programs in 2012. Nonetheless, all programs are encouraged to complete these now.

Program Learning Goals

Assessment

Assessment plan includes student learning goals, how those goals are evaluated, and how the information collected is used to improve student learning. An assessment plan is required for undergraduate majors and degrees. Graduate and professional degree programs are encouraged to complete this now, but will not be required to do so until 2012.

Is this a degree program (undergraduate, graduate, or professional) or major proposal? No

Program Specializations/Sub-Plans

If you do not specify a program specialization/sub-plan it will be assumed you are submitting this program for all program specializations/sub-plans.

Pre-Major

Does this Program have a Pre-Major? No

Attachments

- AntPhd PROGRAM PROPOSAL (2).doc: Anth PhD Program Proposal
(Program Proposal. Owner: Freeman,Elizabeth A.)
- Division Cover Letter for Anthropology.doc: Division Letter
(Letter from the College to OAA. Owner: Mumy,Gene Elwood)

Comments

Workflow Information

Status	User(s)	Date/Time	Step
Submitted	Freeman,Elizabeth A.	09/17/2010 09:01 AM	Submitted for Approval
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Chairs of Arts and Sciences CCI and CAA

Dear Chairs:

At the undergraduate level the Department of Anthropology has two major programs:

The Bachelor of Arts Anthropology major

The Bachelor of Science Anthropological Sciences major.

In his cover letter, Department Chair Clark Larsen has detailed the careful consideration given by the Department to the semester conversion plans for all programs, especially these two majors and the minimal changes made to the majors in the conversion. These conversion plans were reviewed by me and the Social Sciences Disciplinary Advisory Panel (SS DAP).

Anthropology responded positively to suggestions from SS DAP concerning program goals and other minor changes. As a result SS DAP and I support Anthropology's conversion plans and submit them to you for CCI's consideration.

At the undergraduate level the Department also has two minors:

The Anthropology minor with three tracks; Physical Anthropology, Cultural Anthropology, and Archaeology

The Forensic Science minor

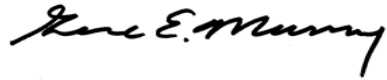
Initially the conversion of the Anthropology minor was presented as the conversion of three minors, one for each track, and this is what is stated in Chairman Larsen's letter. This has subsequently been correctly modified to be the conversion on the Anthropology minor with three sub-plan tracks. Taking account of the fact that the three tracks of the Anthropology minor are part of a single minor, both minors (Anthropology and Forensic Science) have been converted with minimal changes. The SS DAP and I have reviewed both conversion plans and endorse them. As a result we submit them to you for CCI's consideration.

At the graduate level Anthropology offers the Ph.D. and MA. In his letter, Department Chair Larsen describes the considerations and process for converting the programs. In the end both programs were converted with minimal changes.

The approval process for all Ph.D. and MA programs in SBS was that all of them were first examined and discussed for feedback and improvement by the SBS Graduate Committee, which is made up of the graduate directors. When ready for final consideration in the Division they move to the Social Sciences Disciplinary Advisory Panel (SS DAP).

The SS DAP has approved the Anthropology Ph.D. and MA programs after requested minor changes were made. I endorse those approvals and now submit the programs to CAA and the Graduate School for their consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene E. Mummy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "G".

Gene E. Mummy
Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences/Social and Behavioral Sciences

To: Reviewer

**From: Clark S. Larsen
W. Scott McGraw**

Date: October 12, 2010

Subject: Conversion of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Anthropology from quarters to semesters.

The Department of Anthropology is pleased to present materials for conversion of its **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Anthropology** program to the semester-based system. Conversion of this program to semesters will occur with minimal changes to program goals and curricular requirements. The materials we present are part of our department's general conversion package which includes templates for the following programs:

I. Graduate

PhD in Anthropology
MA in Anthropology

II. Undergraduate bachelor degree programs/major

Anthropology (BA)
Anthropological Sciences (BS)

III. Undergraduate minor programs

Physical Anthropology
Cultural Anthropology
Archaeology
Forensic Science

Our conversion, as with all major curriculum initiatives and revisions, followed the Department of Anthropology Pattern of Administration guidelines through discussions and deliberations involving all department faculty. In this instance, these discussions and deliberations were pursued by an ad hoc Conversion Committee, discussions with all departmental faculty (main and regional campuses) at faculty meetings, discussions amongst the chairs of the Undergraduate and Graduate Studies committees with the department chair, and solicited input from undergraduate and graduate students. In addition, we sought advice from several anthropology departments at benchmark institutions that had undergone calendar conversion in recent years. We have endeavored to follow all guidelines and believe our documents are in accord with what is required at higher administrative levels. As outlined in the individual

program templates, we believe each conversion falls in the category of “conversion with minimal programmatic changes.”

With one exception, all courses have been converted from 5 quarter to 3 semester hours. The single exception involves designating ANT 200 (now ANT 2200) Introduction to Physical Anthropology as a laboratory course and changing its hours from 5 to 4 hours.

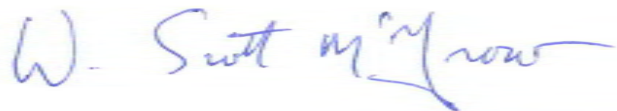
We have renumbered our course offerings in an effort to return consistency and logic to their listing. This renumbering is the result of multiple discussions with faculty and proceeds as follows:

- All 200 level quarter courses are renumbered as 2000 level semester courses.
- All 300, 400 and many 500 level quarter courses are renumbered as 3000 level semester courses.
- A handful of 500 level quarter courses (e.g., 597 capstone courses) are renumbered as 4000 level semester courses.
- All 600 level quarter courses are renumbered as 5000 semester level courses.
- We will have no 6000 level semester courses
- All 700 and some 800 level quarter courses are renumbered as 7000 level semester courses.
- The remainder of our 800 level and all our 900 level quarter courses are renumbered as 8000 level semester courses.

Please let us know if you have any questions.



Clark S. Larsen, chair



W. Scott McGraw
Conversion coordinator

PROGRAM PROPOSAL: Anthropology Doctorate

GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Program Name: Anthropology Doctoral Program
2. Degree Title: Doctor of Philosophy
3. Academic Unit: Department of Anthropology
4. Type of Program: Graduate degree program
5. Semester Conversion Designation: b. Conversion to semesters will occur with minimal changes to program goals and curricular requirements.

PROGRAM RATIONAL

No changes have been made in the Ph.D. program in conjunction with the switch to semesters. All course conversion followed the two thirds conversion guideline. The Ph.D. program was last revised significantly in 2003 with the establishment of new procedures for and standards of admission.

COURSE WORK

All students start the PhD program with 30 hours from their Master's program.

SEMESTER COURSES

List of semester courses that constitute the requirements and other components of the program.

I. Theory core* (12 hours)

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| 1) ANT 7804 | <i>Issues in Archaeological Theory</i> | 3 hours |
| 2) ANT 7703 | <i>Theories in Cultural Anthropology</i> | 3 hours |
| 3) ANT 8892.01 | <i>Seminars in Physical Anthropology:
Evolutionary Theory</i> | 3 hours |
| 4) ANT 7747 | <i>Foundations of Anthropology</i> | 3 hours |

II. Coursework outside the Department of Anthropology (6 hours)

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| 1. (Unspecified non-ANT, 5000-8999) | 3 hours |
| 2. (Unspecified non-ANT, 5000-8999) | 3 hours |

III. Methodology (6 hours)

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| 1. (Unspecified non-ANT, 5000-8899, or ANT 5000-8899) | 3 hours |
| 2. (Unspecified non-ANT, 5000-8899, or ANT 5000-8899) | 3 hours |

IV. Grant writing (3 hours)

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| 1) ANT 8828 | <i>Writing Research Proposals
in Anthropology</i> | 3 hours |
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V. Anthropology electives (post-M.A.) (12 hours)

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| 1) ANT 5000-8899 | 3 hours |
| 2) ANT 5000-8899 | 3 hours |
| 3) ANT 5000-8899 | 3 hours |
| 4) ANT 5000-8899 | 3 hours |

VI. Subarea-specific required courses (variable)Subarea 1. Archaeology (12 hours)

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| 1) ANT 7801 | <i>The Archaeology of Hunter-Gatherer</i> |
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* Required only for students who enter the program after receiving the M.A. at another institution.

	<i>Societies</i>	3 hours
2) ANT 7802	<i>The Origins of Food Production</i>	3 hours
3) ANT 7803	<i>The Archaeology of Complex Societies</i>	3 hours
4) ANT 5603	<i>Strategy of Archaeological Field Research</i>	3 hours

Subarea 2. Cultural Anthropology **(6 hours)**

1) ANT 8891.07	<i>Seminars in Cultural Anthropology: Ethnographic Field Experience</i>	3 hours
2) ANT 8891.05	<i>Seminars in Cultural Anthropology: Study Design and Data Analysis</i>	3 hours
	<i>Or</i>	
ANT 8891.06	<i>Seminars in Cultural Anthropology: Theory and Problems in Cultural Anthropology</i>	

Subarea 3. Physical Anthropology **(6 hours)**

1. ANT 7701	<i>Advanced Topics in Physical Anthropology: Modern Human Physical Variation</i>	3 hours
2. ANT 7702	<i>Advanced Topics in Physical Anthropology: Hominid Paleoanthropology</i>	3 hours

VII. Graduate Level Electives **(variable)**

Students may be required to take up to 17 hours of electives at the graduate level or above in order to meet the minimum of 80 hours required for the doctorate. These courses are to be selected in consultation with the student's PhD advisor.

Semester Advising Sheet
Required Coursework Checklist
Department of Anthropology, OSU
Ph.D. Program

The course of study for a Ph.D. student is developed by students and advisors to fulfill the following requirements:

Course/requirement	Semester completed
<i>Core ANT courses (fill this section out only if you are a Ph.D. student who did not take these courses previously as part of our department's Master's program).</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 7804 (802)	Au <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000
<input type="checkbox"/> 7703 (702)	Au <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000
<input type="checkbox"/> 7747 (747)	Au <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000
<input type="checkbox"/> 8892.01 (820.01)	Au <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000
For the following, please write in the course number that meets each requirement.	
Courses outside Anthropology	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. _____	Au <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. _____	Au <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000
Methodology	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. _____	Au <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. _____	Au <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000
For the following, fill in the section for your subfield specialization.	
Archaeology	
<input type="checkbox"/> ANT 7801 (801.01)	Au <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000
<input type="checkbox"/> ANT 7802 (801.02)	Au <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000
<input type="checkbox"/> ANT 7803 (801.03)	Au <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000
<input type="checkbox"/> ANT 5603 (602.01)	Au <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000

Minimum of 50 graduate credit hours post-Master's

Forms (Departmental forms appear in *italics*)

Pre-candidacy

- Petition to take Ph.D. candidacy examination (one quarter prior to exam)*
- Notification of Candidacy Examination (before written exam begins)
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- Candidacy Examination Report (after exam)

Post-candidacy

- Application to graduate (by 2nd Friday of graduation quarter)
- Draft Approval/Notification of Final Oral Examination (2 wks prior to oral)
- Final Oral Examination Report (2 wks prior to commencement)
- Final Approval (Ph.D. dissertation) (1 wk prior to commencement)

Quarter Advising Sheet
Required Coursework Checklist
Department of Anthropology, OSU
Ph.D. Program

The course of study for a Ph.D. student is developed by students and advisors to fulfill the following requirements:

Course/requirement	Quarter completed
Core ANT courses (<i>fill this section out only if you are a Ph.D. student who did not take these courses previously as part of our department's Master's program</i>).	
<input type="checkbox"/> 802	Au <input type="checkbox"/> Wi <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000
<input type="checkbox"/> 702	Au <input type="checkbox"/> Wi <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000
<input type="checkbox"/> 703/747	Au <input type="checkbox"/> Wi <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000
<input type="checkbox"/> 820.01	Au <input type="checkbox"/> Wi <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000
For the following, please write in the course number that meets each requirement.	
Courses outside Anthropology	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 2. _____	Au <input type="checkbox"/> Wi <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000
Methodology	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. _____	Au <input type="checkbox"/> Wi <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. _____	Au <input type="checkbox"/> Wi <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000
For the following, fill in the section for your subfield specialization.	
Archaeology	
<input type="checkbox"/> ANT 801.01	Au <input type="checkbox"/> Wi <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000
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<p>Cultural</p> <p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnographic Field Exp. ANT 810.23</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Study Design/Data Analysis ANT 810.21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Theory and Problems in Cultural ANT 810.22</p>	<p>Au <input type="checkbox"/> Wi <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000</p> <p>Au <input type="checkbox"/> Wi <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000</p>
<p>Physical</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ANT 701.01</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ANT 701.02</p>	<p>Au <input type="checkbox"/> Wi <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000</p> <p>Au <input type="checkbox"/> Wi <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000</p>
<p>Other required courses.</p>	
<p>Writing Research Proposals</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ANT 828</p>	<p>Au <input type="checkbox"/> Wi <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000</p>
<p>Four courses in Anthropology beyond those required for M.A.</p>	
<p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p>4. _____</p>	<p>Au <input type="checkbox"/> Wi <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000</p> <p>Au <input type="checkbox"/> Wi <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000</p> <p>Au <input type="checkbox"/> Wi <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000</p> <p>Au <input type="checkbox"/> Wi <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000</p>
<p>Graduate Level Electives (amount depends on each student's program)</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p>4. _____</p> <p>5. _____</p> <p>6. _____</p>	<p>Au <input type="checkbox"/> Wi <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000</p> <p>Au <input type="checkbox"/> Wi <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000</p> <p>Au <input type="checkbox"/> Wi <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000</p> <p>Au <input type="checkbox"/> Wi <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000</p> <p>Au <input type="checkbox"/> Wi <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000</p> <p>Au <input type="checkbox"/> Wi <input type="checkbox"/> Sp <input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2000</p>
<p>Minimum of 75 graduate credit hours post-Master's <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Forms (Departmental forms appear in <i>italics</i>)</p> <p><u>Pre-candidacy</u></p>	

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TRANSITION POLICY

Students who began their degree under quarters will not be penalized as we move to semesters, either in terms of progress towards their degree or their expected date of graduation. We anticipate few complications because of (1) the flexibility afforded by our elective structure (course choices based on sub-discipline or research specialty rather than specific requirements), and (2) because the doctoral program does not rely on any course sequence. PhD students' course load varies each quarter depending on the student's needs, so students will be able to take the same amount of courses per year under semesters.