**Applied Anthropology PROGRAM**

**Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree**

**DEGREE INFORMATION**

**Program Admission Deadlines:**

**Fall:** December 15

*Fall admission only*

**Minimum Total Hours:** 40

**Program Level:** Masters

**CIP Code:** 45.0201

**Dept. Code:** ANT

**Program (Major/College):** APA AS

**Implemented:** 1985

**Concentrations:**

Archaeological and Forensic Science (AAF) (2014)

Bio-cultural Medical Anthropology (BCM) (2006)

Cultural Resource Management (CRM) (2007)

Heritage Studies (HGS) (2008)

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**College:** Arts and Sciences

**Department:** Anthropology

**Contact Information:** [www.grad.usf.edu](http://www.grad.usf.edu)

**Other Resources:**

<http://anthropology.usf.edu/graduate/>

**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

The M.A. program, initiated in 1974, was the first in the country to focus on career training for the practice of Applied Anthropology. Faculty at USF specialize in various areas, including medical anthropology, biological anthropology, urban policy and community development, education, archaeology, cultural resource management (CRM), economic development, immigration, media, and issues pertaining to race, gender, and ethnicity. Geographic specializations emphasize the Caribbean, Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, Europe, and the United States. More than 240 graduates have received an education in anthropology and its practical uses, leading to employment in government and private sector agencies and organizations. For many, the MA is a terminal degree that qualifies them for professional careers in administration, program evaluation, planning, research, and cultural resource management. Others have gone on to earn doctoral degrees and have gained employment in academic or higher level nonacademic positions.

Students entering the Master’s program in Applied Anthropology at USF choose from one of four tracks: Archaeology, Biological Anthropology, Cultural Anthropology, or Medical Anthropology. Although these four tracks share some common requirements, and are bound by general rules of the USF Office of Graduate Studies, they have different curricula and employment trajectories. Archaeology Track graduates typically enter careers in contract archaeology, or public and private agencies and museums responsible for managing archaeological resources. The Cultural Anthropology Track is designed to lead to employment in diverse areas that include education, urban planning, human services, private sector consulting and research, and non-governmental community organizations. Museum and heritage programming represent an area of overlap between the two emphases. Students who wish to pursue these kinds of specialties will develop curricula that draw from both applied and public archaeology requirements in consultation with their advisors. Biological Anthropology students are trained to work in law enforcement, private sector consulting and research, and non-governmental organizations. The Medical Anthropology track prepares students to conduct research, evaluation, and consulting in a variety of settings, including community-based organizations, county and state health departments, and non-governmental organizations. In addition to following the curriculum of a track, M.A. students can select elective courses to fulfill one of four concentrations in Archaeological and Forensic Sciences, Bio cultural Medical Anthropology, Cultural Resource Management, or Heritage Studies.

Our MA program offers flexibility, depending on the student’s career plans. Students choose from one of three professional development pathways: research, internship, and internship-based research (a hybrid of the other two). All three options are expected o have an applied component, but differ in emphasis and setting.

**Accreditation:**

Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of College and Schools.

**Major Research Areas:**

Human biology; biocultural medical anthropology; nutrition/diet; growth and development; population genetics; forensic anthropology and human rights; neuroanthropology; stress; immune function; maternal and child health; reproductive health; HIV/AIDS; disasters; water and sanitation; migrant health; health policy; sociocultural and historical anthropology; transnational migration; labor; neoliberal globalization; citizenship; media and visual anthropology; environmental anthropology; urban anthropology; pedagogy and educational anthropology; heritage and memory studies; Florida archaeology; Eastern U.S. prehistory; Mesoamerican archaeology; Mediterranean prehistory; archaeological science; bioarcheaology; cultural resource management; public archeology.

**ADMISSION INFORMATION**

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements listed below.

**Program Admission Requirements**

Must meet all admissions criteria established by USF. While the GRE is required, there is no minimum score for admission into the program. Other admission requirements include:

* a statement of purpose
* a signed research ethics statement
* at least three letters of recommendation
* a resume or curriculum vitae
* graduate assistant application form (optional)
* writing sample (optional)

**DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

**Total Minimum Hours - 40 credit hours**

Core Requirements - 6 hours

Required Track - 24 hours

*Optional Concentrations 9-12 hours*

Internship – 0-7 hours, depending on pathway

Thesis - 6 hours

**CORE REQUIREMENTS - 6 hours**

ANG 6705 3 Foundations of Applied Anthropology I

ANG 5486 3 Quantitative Methods in Anthropology (or equivalent in another department)

**Required Track - 24 hours**

Students select from one of the following Tracks:

***Archaeology Track***

ANG 6198 3 Regional Problems in Methods of Public Archaeology

ANG 6110 3 Archaeological Theory and Current Issues

ANG 6197 3 Public Archaeology

Electives 6 Two electives in Archaeology

Electives 3 One elective in Biological Anthropology

Electives 3 One elective from any graduate seminar in Anthropology

Seminar 3 One graduate seminar outside the Department

***Biological Anthropology Track***

ANG 6701 3 Contemporary Applied Anthropology

ANG 6766 3 Research Methods in Applied Anthropology

ANG 6511 3 Seminar in Physical Anthropology: *Human Variation*

ANG 6469 3 Selected Topics in Medical Anthropology **OR**

ANG 6585 3 Theory in Applied Bioanthropology

Seminars 9 Three additional graduate seminars in Anthropology

Seminar 3 One graduate seminar outside the Department

***Cultural Anthropology Track***

ANG 6701 3 Contemporary Applied Anthropology

ANG 6766 3 Research Methods in Applied Anthropology

Seminars 15 Five elective graduate seminars in Anthropology

Seminar 3 One graduate seminar outside the Anthropology Department

***Medical Anthropology Track***

ANG 6701 3 Contemporary Applied Anthropology

ANG 6766 3 Research Methods in Applied Anthropology

ANG 6469 3 Theory and Methods in Medical Anthropology

Seminars 12 Four elective graduate seminars in Anthropology

Seminar 3 One graduate seminar outside the Anthropology Department

**CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS (Optional)**

Students may select one of the following concentrations:

**Concentration in Archaeological and Forensic Sciences - 12 hours**

Two required courses (3 credits each), consisting of

ANG 6701 3 Contemporary Applied Anthropology

ANG 6115 3 Seminar in Archaeology: Archaeological Science

ANG 6745 3 Forensic Anthropology **OR**

ANG 6511 3 Seminar in Physical Anthropology: Forensic Science

Electives 6 Two elective courses (3 credits each; one may be outside Anthropology):

ANG 6189 3 Ancient Diets

ANG 6195 3 Ancient Trade

ANG 6511 3 Seminar in Physical Anthropology: Anthrogenetics

ANB 6536 3 Bioarchaeology

ANG 6745 3 Forensic Anthropology

ANG 6741 3 Intro to Forensic Science

ANG 6511 3 Seminar in Physical Anthropology: Advanced Methods in Forensic Anthropology

ANG 6115 3 Seminar in Physical Anthropology: Soils

ANG 6115 3 Seminar in Physical Anthropology: Technologies for Heritage Preservation

External electives that also qualify (only one can count towards concentration):

Advanced Remote Sensing (GIS 6038C), Remote Sensing Seminar (GIS 6039), Tracer

Geochemistry (GLY 6255), Analytical Techniques in Geology (GLY 6285C), Principles of

Applied Geophysics (GLY 6475), Principles of Stable Isotope Geochemistry (GLY 6739)

**Concentration in Bio-cultural Medical Anthropology - 12 hours**

Four graduate medical anthropology courses with the ANG prefix:

ANG 6469 3 Selected Topics in Medical Anthropology: Theory and Methods in Medical Anthropology

ANG 6511 3 Seminar in Physical Anthropology: Theory and Methods of Applied Biological Anthropology

ANG 6511 3 Seminar in Physical Anthropology (e.g. Human Variation, Anthropology of Growth and Development,

 or Forensic Anthropology)

Or one of:

ANG 6469 3 Selected Topics in Medical Anthropology (e.g. Issues in Migrant Health, Anthropology and Development, Reproductive Health, Health & Medical System, Socio-Cultural Aspects of HIV/AIDS)

ANG 5937 2-4 Seminar in Anthropology

*Please Note: the Foundations of Medical Anthropology on-line course offered through the School of Sustainability is a service course intended for non-anthropology students and cannot count towards the Applied Anthropology degree.*

**Concentration in Cultural Resource Management - 9 hours**

ANG 6197 3 Public Archaeology

ANG 6115 3 Seminar in Archaeology: Current Issues and Techniques in Cultural Resources Management

One of the following electives (or other as approved by Graduate Program Director):

ANG 6448 3 Regional Problems in Urban Anthropology: Issues in Heritage Tourism

ANG 6115 3 Seminar in Public Archaeology (e.g. Historical Archaeology, Florida Archaeology, Southeastern Archaeology, Museum Methods)

Graduate class in Geographic Information Systems, whether offered in Anthropology or another department.

Graduate students pursuing a concentration in Cultural Resource Management must take the basic course requirements of their graduate program.

**Concentration in Heritage Studies - 9 hours**

ANG 6436 3 Issues in Heritage Tourism

Electives 6 Two electives from among the following options:

ANG 5395 3 Visual Anthropology

ANG 6081 4 Museum Methods

ANG 6197 3 Public Archaeology

ANG 6436 3 Issues in Heritage Tourism

ANG 6448 3 Regional Problems in Urban Anthropology (topics include Ethnohistory, Museums in Culture, Ethnicity and Public Policy, Heritage Research and Management, Culture and Environmental Resources)

ANG 7487 3 Advanced Quantitative Research Methods in Applied Anthropology

**COMPREHENSIVE EXAM**

The comprehensive exam requirement is satisfied upon successful completion of Foundation of Applied Anthropology (ANG 6705). Successful completion entails earning a final grade of “B” or better in this course.

The MA offers flexibility, depending on the student’s career plans. Students choose from one of three professional development pathways, which must be decided in consultation with their major professor before the proposal is delivered. All three options are expected to have an applied component, but differ in emphasis and setting.

* **Research Pathway** – This pathway is designed for students who are planning a career in applied research and are considering a Ph.D. degree. The final product is a thesis, which may be delivered as either a traditional thesis or as a peer-reviewed journal article. If an article is submitted, the student must be first author and the journal selected in consultation with the M.A. Committee. The publication must be formally accepted, but not necessarily published, to fulfill this requirement.
* **Internship-based Research Pathway:** This pathway is designed for students who are planning a career in applied research and practice. It is designed for students whose thesis research is situated in an Internship setting. A formal Internship is required, and the final product is a thesis, which may be delivered as either a traditional thesis or a peer-reviewed journal article (same guidelines apply as in the Research pathway).
* **Internship Pathway:** This pathway is designed for students who are planning a career in applied research and practice. A formal Internship is required, and the final product consists of 1) a technical report or installation delivered to the host agency and 2) a substantial Internship report delivered to the M.A. committee. The student must be the first author on the technical report, and it must represent new and original work. The targeted length and substance of the Internship report should be discussed with the M.A. committee and agreement reached in advance.

**INTERNSHIP –** 0-7 hours minimum, depending on the pathway

Research Pathway – no internship hour requirement

Internship-Based Research Pathway:

ANG 6915 4 Directed Research in Internship

Internship Pathway

ANG 6915 7 Directed Research in Internship

**THESIS –** 3-6 hours minimum, depending on the pathway

Research Pathway

ANG 6917 10 Thesis

Internship\_Based Research Pathway

ANG 6971 6 Thesis

Internship Pathway

ANG 6971 3 Thesis

At least 2 credit hours per semester until thesis is accepted.

**COURSES**

See <http://www.ugs.usf.edu/course-inventory/>