

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY  
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 College of Letters and Science  
 University of California, Santa Barbara

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Perm: \_\_\_\_\_

**MASTER OF ARTS – ANTHROPOLOGY**  
**ARCHAEOLOGY SPECIALIZATION**  
**For Students Entering AY 2017-2018**

*In addition to departmental requirements, candidates for graduate degrees must fulfill University requirements as described in the “Graduate Education” section of the UCSB General Catalog.*

The M.A. in Anthropology, Archaeology Specialization, is viewed as an integral part of preparation for the doctorate; students apply to both programs. Students intending to pursue only an M.A. degree in Archaeology must apply to the Terminal M.A. degree program in North American Archaeology.

Students must complete a minimum of **36 units** for the master’s degree, 24 of which must be from the graduate series in Anthropology. Students in the M.A./Ph.D. program must first complete all of the M.A. requirements before continuing toward the doctorate. The time-to-degree for the M.A. is two years. These courses must be passed with a grade of B or better, with the exception of the Proseminar Requirements which must be passed satisfactorily.

<b>PROSEMINAR REQUIREMENTS (4.0 units total)</b>			
<i>COURSE #</i>	<i>COURSE NAME</i>	<i>UNITS</i>	<i>Grade (S/U)</i>
ANTH 232	Graduate Proseminar (Spring of 1 <sup>st</sup> year)	1.0	
ANTH 232	Graduate Proseminar (Spring of 2 <sup>nd</sup> year)	1.0	
ANTH 277	Faculty Proseminar (Fall of 1 <sup>st</sup> year)	2.0	

<b>ARCHAEOLOGY SPECIALIZATION REQUIREMENTS (12.0 units total)</b>			
<i>COURSE #</i>	<i>COURSE NAME</i>	<i>UNITS</i>	<i>Grade</i>
ANTH 201A	Classical Archaeology Theory	4.0	
ANTH 201B	Contemporary Archaeology Theory	4.0	
ANTH 245A	Quantitative Data Analysis in Archaeology	4.0	

<b>ELECTIVE COURSES (20.0 units total, as determined in consultation with MA Committee)</b>			
<i>COURSE #</i>	<i>COURSE NAME</i>	<i>UNITS</i>	<i>Grade</i>


A maximum of 12.0 units of ANTH 596, Directed Reading and Research, may count toward the total number of required units for the M.A. degree. ANTH 501, 597, and 599 do not count toward the M.A. degree requirements.

### MASTER'S COMMITTEE AND COMPETENCY CONTRACT

By the end of the winter quarter of the first year, students must form a valid master's committee, and file their M.A. Committee form with the Graduate Program Assistant. Committees must consist of at least three ladder faculty members, two of whom (including the chair) must be from the department. The chair of the committee must be from the archaeology subfield.

**M.A. Committee:** Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_\_

The M.A. committee will assist the student with determining a specific course of study for his or her contract, which should be finalized and approved by winter quarter, but not later than the end of the spring quarter of the first year.

### CAPSTONE REQUIREMENT – COMPREHENSIVE EXAM

The comprehensive exam for the Archaeology specialization is administered in Spring quarter of the second year. Over a two week period, students write two article-length papers. Topics are chosen by the faculty for each individual student and are chosen from two of the three areas: 1) hunter-gatherer societies, 2) middle-range societies, and 3) complex societies.

Exam Scores: **PhD Pass** (required to continue to the Ph.D.), **MA Pass** (a terminal MA will be awarded), or **Fail**. Students who fail the exam will have one regular quarter to take it again (for Spring exam, deadline is the end of following Fall quarter), with the maximum possible score for a re-take being **Pass**. If the deadline is not met, the student will be recommended to the Graduate Dean for academic probation. If a passing score has not been awarded by the deadline at the end of the Spring quarter a year after initial comps, the student will not be awarded the MA and will be recommended to the Graduate Dean for dismissal.

**COMPREHENSIVE EXAM DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:**

**MA DEGREE REQUIREMENTS SATISFIED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Quarter/Year

**DEPT GRADUATE ADVISOR SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Name

**CONTINUATION TO THE Ph.D.**

Although students are admitted into the M.A./Ph.D. program, continuation to the Ph.D. is by no means automatic upon completion of the M.A. Continuation is highly competitive and subject to the student's academic performance being deemed excellent by all standards that the department uses to assess degree progress such as: exams, grades, coursework, timely progress toward the degree, and teaching (as evidenced by student evaluations and supervisor's assessments). Students must demonstrate an ability to work independently and to make innovative and original contributions to the critical literature of the student's chosen field.

<b>FOR GRADUATE DIVISION USE ONLY</b>	
Residence Requirement (3 quarters)	
No Incomplete Grades	
Minimum Required Units (36)	
3.0 or Better GPA Overall	
B or Better in All Core Courses (200-level)	
Registered Quarter of Degree or Paid Filing Fee	
<b>M.A. Degree Awarded (quarter):</b> _____	

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**ARCHAEOLOGY SPECIALIZATION**  
**For Students Entering Graduate Program AY 2017-2018**

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A student who has completed the M.A. degree with the intent to continue on to the Ph.D. program will form his/her Ph.D. Committee and work toward advancement to Ph.D. candidacy. Students are expected to take a full course load their third year in order to fulfill contract requirements. The Department of Anthropology requires students to advance to candidacy by the end of their fifth year in the graduate program. Students formally advance to doctoral candidacy upon the committee’s approval of their research papers and dissertation proposal and successful completion of the oral defense. Students not advanced to candidacy by the end of the fifth year may be subject to academic probation or department monitoring.

<b>ADVANCEMENT TO CANDIDACY: CORE COURSES (4.0 units total)</b>			
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	GRADE
ANTH 239A	Research Design and Writing in Archaeology	4.0	

<b>ADVANCEMENT TO CANDIDACY: RESEARCH PAPER, DISSERTATION PROPOSAL, PROPOSAL DEFENSE</b>
<p><b>Doctoral Committee:</b> Chair: _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Member: _____      Member: _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Member: _____      Member: _____</p> <p><u>Research Paper:</u> In addition to the core coursework listed above and completion of elective courses per the student’s Competency Contract, students must demonstrate current knowledge of the dissertation research field by completing a research/data paper. This is an article-length paper that demonstrates skills in problem formulation, data analysis, and scientific argument, as well as literary competence. All members of the Ph.D. Committee must approve and sign off on the paper.</p> <p>Research Paper approved on (date): _____</p> <p><u>Dissertation Proposal:</u> Students must write a dissertation proposal, specifying the intended topic, theoretical framework, geographic area of fieldwork, and methods of research leading to the Ph.D. dissertation. The proposal should take the form of an NSF Dissertation Improvement Grant to fund the student’s dissertation research. All members of the Ph.D. Committee must approve and sign off on the proposal.</p> <p>Dissertation Proposal approved on (date): _____</p>

Oral Qualifying Exam: Once the Ph.D. committee has been formed, the student must schedule an Oral Qualifying Exam. In this meeting with the Ph.D. committee, the student presents an overview of his/her proposed dissertation research and responds to questions from committee members regarding the proposed research and background information related to the dissertation topic.

Oral Dissertation Proposal Defense date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **FIELDWORK**

Fieldwork of at least three academic quarters' duration. Ideally students receive funding for their dissertation research in time to begin fieldwork during their fourth year, but it often takes longer than that, and if they are unable to begin field research until their fifth year they are still on a reasonable schedule. A student can expect to spend a year or a year and a half in the field, and it will take at least a year to write the dissertation after completing the field research. The Department of Anthropology sets a deadline of eight years to complete the doctorate.

### **DISSERTATION**

When the dissertation has been completed and submitted, the student's Committee may either approve it or suggest further revisions. The Department does not require that students take an oral exam on the dissertation or that they engage in an oral defense for the Archaeology and Sociocultural specializations, but the University requires that a form be filed that waives the orals. The student needs to file the Graduate Division's Ph.D. Form III-A, Waiver of Final Exam for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Students are advised to obtain committee signatures on this form at the same time committee members are signing the dissertation pages. When all the members of the Committee have approved and signed the dissertation, the Ph.D. degree is awarded.

Doctoral Form III-A Waiver of Final Exam approved date:

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