

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

Student Name: _____

Perm: _____

MASTER OF ARTS – ANTHROPOLOGY
SOCIOCULTURAL 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, Sociocultural 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 Sociocultural Anthropology will not be accepted into the graduate program.

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.

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

SOCIOCULTURAL SPECIALIZATION REQUIREMENTS (20.0 units total)			
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	Grade
ANTH 235A	Foundations of Modern Social Theory	4.0	
ANTH 235B	Issues in Contemporary Anthropology	4.0	
ANTH 240A	Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology	4.0	
ANTH 240B	Research Design and Writing in Sociocultural Anthropology	4.0	
ANTH 240C	Research Seminar in Cultural Anthropology	4.0	

ELECTIVE COURSES (12.0 units total)			
Students will draft a study plan in consultation with and approved by their advisor.			
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	Grade

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 sociocultural subfield.

M.A. Committee: Chair: _____

Member: _____

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 – M.A. DOSSIER

Toward the end of the spring quarter of the second year the student will submit to his or her committee a dossier that provides the basis for evaluating the student's progress and that indicates where he or she is headed in the future.

The dossier includes the following:

1. A self-assessment.
2. A complete list of courses taken with grades earned.
3. The MA research paper, either a draft of the dissertation research proposal or an original research paper. Students are expected to work closely with their committee to decide which type of paper to submit. The draft dissertation proposal should conform to the format guidelines for a funding agency such as NSF or Wenner Gren. The research paper is an article length paper based on original, empirical field research on a subject determined in consultation with the committee, ideally at the beginning of the second year of study.

The research paper/research proposal fulfills the University requirement of an MA Comprehensive Exam, and will be awarded one of the following scores: **PhD Pass** (required to continue to the Ph.D.), **MA Pass** (a terminal MA will be awarded), or **Fail**. Students have until the end of the following summer quarter to revise papers/projects which receive a Fail score. If the deadline is not met, the student will be recommended to the Graduate Dean for academic probation. If acceptable revisions are not completed after another quarter, the student will be recommended for dismissal.

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE – ANTHROPOLOGY
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In addition to departmental requirements, candidates for graduate degrees must fulfill University requirements described in the “Graduate Education” section of the UCSB General Catalog.

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 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.

**ADVANCEMENT TO CANDIDACY:
RESEARCH PAPERS, DISSERTATION PROPOSAL, PROPOSAL DEFENSE**

Doctoral Committee: Chair: _____

Member: _____ Member: _____

Member: _____ Member: _____

Research Papers: In addition to the completion of elective courses per the student’s Competency Contract, students must demonstrate current knowledge of the dissertation research field by completing two research papers. These review and analyze the literature dealing with the proposed Ph.D. research, and the minimum length of the papers is 30 to 40 pages, corresponding to the length of a standard journal article. The exact focus of these papers is developed in consultation with the Ph.D. committee, which will be sensitive to the students’ needs in acquiring the background needed for the research. One research paper is theoretical. It surveys the theoretical debates that inform the research topic and that the project will address. In other words, this paper analyzes the theoretical issues that help to frame and contextualize the research. The second research paper reviews the literature on the geographical area, culture, and historical background of the people who will be studied.

Theory Paper approved on (date): _____

Literature Review Paper approved on (date): _____

Dissertation Proposal: 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 be a fuller, extended version of the kind of proposal that would be submitted to funding agencies to support the student’s dissertation research. All members of the Ph.D. Committee must approve and sign off on the proposal.

Dissertation Proposal approved on (date): _____

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: _____

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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 Programs, 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:
