

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

Student Name: _____ Perm: _____

MASTER OF ARTS – ANTHROPOLOGY
INTEGRATIVE ANTHROPOLOGICAL SCIENCES (IAS) SPECIALIZATION (Plan II - Exam)
For Students Entering AY 2025-26

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, Integrative Anthropological Sciences (IAS) Specialization, is viewed as an integral part of preparation for the doctorate; students apply to both programs. Students intending to pursue only the M.A. degree with a specialization in Integrative Anthropological Sciences (IAS) will not be accepted into the graduate program.

Students must complete a minimum of **36.0 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.

SEMINAR REQUIREMENTS (8.0 units total)			
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	Grade (S/U)
ANTH 203	Race, Racism and Anti-racism in Anthropology	4.0	
ANTH 205	Ethics and the Profession of Anthropology	4.0	

INTEGRATIVE ANTHROPOLOGICAL SCIENCES (IAS) SPECIALIZATION REQUIREMENTS (9.0 units total)			
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	Grade
Linguistics/Language requirement:	Students are expected to take one course in linguistics or psycholinguistics, or one class of Anthropology 596 (Directed Reading) in linguistics, or one course in language preparation appropriate for their field site. Course Name & #: _____	4.0	
Anth 241	Contemporary Topics in Biological Anthropology (1.0 unit per quarter in residency, minimum of 5.0 for the MA)	5.0	

ELECTIVE COURSES (19.0 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 UC Academic Senate faculty members, two of whom (including the chair) must be from the department. The chair of the committee must be from the IAS 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.

RESEARCH PROJECT/PAPER

At the beginning of the third quarter of study, the student selects, with the approval of his or her advisor, an empirical research project to be conducted over the following four quarters, and is encouraged to develop an apprenticeship relationship with a faculty member (who will typically be or become the student's advisor) on this project. The advisor directs the research project, and the student is expected to write up the project into an article-length research paper that demonstrates analytical abilities and writing skills, in the form suitable for submission to a professional journal. The student presents the project during the spring quarter of the second year, and the paper is due within 90 days of the successful completion of the comprehensive examination. The paper must be approved by the student's M.A. committee.

Paper approved on: _____

Comments:

CAPSTONE REQUIREMENT – COMPREHENSIVE EXAM

Through a comprehensive examination, the student demonstrates knowledge of general anthropology, the behavioral, biological, and social sciences, and method and theory in biosocial anthropology. The comprehensive exam for the Integrative Anthropological Sciences (IAS) specialization is typically administered in Spring quarter of the second year.

Exam Scores: **Ph.D. Pass** (required to continue to the Ph.D.), **M.A. Pass** (a recommendation of probation to the Graduate Dean), or **Fail**. Students have one regular quarter to revise comprehensive exams which receive a Fail score (for Spring exam, deadline is the end of following Fall quarter.) The exact timeline and required revisions will be indicated in a formal memo. 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 one quarter on academic probation, a Fail score will be issued and the student will be recommended for dismissal.

COMPREHENSIVE EXAM DATE: _____ **SCORE:** _____
(mm/dd/yy)

COMMENTS:

POST-MASTER'S ASSESSMENT

Post-Master's Assessment: Upon completion of the Master's degree, the faculty will assess the student's overall progress in graduate study. The student should submit the following documentation as input to the review: unofficial transcripts; research project/paper; comprehensive examination; CV. The student will receive a written evaluation of the faculty's assessment of their development, their promise for independent, innovative, and original research, and for completion of doctoral study.

M.A. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS SATISFIED: _____
QUARTER/YEAR

DEPT GRADUATE ADVISOR SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT NAME

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Admission status	
Residence requirement-minimum 3 quarters	
Required units completed	
Language requirement Satisfied <i>(if required)</i>	
No grades of I, NR, or NG	
3.0 or better GPA overall	
Registered quarter of degree or Filing Fee LOA: _____	
Master's Form I / COI and committee entered	
Master's Thesis date received <i>(signature page/e-filed and entered in SReg)</i> : _____	
Master's Thesis Submission Fee: _____	
ProQuest ID _____ Permission Ltrs uploaded?	
Master's Degree Awarded (mm/dd/yy)	