

MASTER OF ARTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY, HUMANS AND THE ENVIRONMENT SPECIALIZATION

The Master of Arts in Anthropology, Humans and the Environment Specialization investigates how past and present human activities influence the environment, the ways ecological and other processes affect human evolution and the human condition today, and the resilience of social and ecological systems.

[Students interested in graduate work should refer to the Graduate and Professional Bulletin.](#)

Learning Objectives

Students who are conferred an M.A. in Anthropology will:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of anthropological theory and method, and how to apply them appropriately.
2. Be able to engage in independent research that addresses academic questions or societal challenges.
3. Demonstrate awareness of and respect for human diversity across space and time.
4. Possess the academic background and skills to enter a PhD program in anthropology or a job related to the discipline.

Plan A Effective Fall 2023

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
ANTH 500	Development of Anthropological Theory Research Methods ¹	3
ANTH 699	Thesis	5
Humans and the Environment Focused Courses ^{2,3}		
Select a minimum of 12 credits from the following:		12
ANTH 446	New Orleans and the Caribbean	
ANTH 450	Hunter-Gatherer Ecology	
ANTH 453	Impacts on Ancient Environments	
ANTH 515	Culture and Environment	
ANTH 529	Anthropology and Sustainable Development	
ANTH 530	Human-Environment Interactions	
ANTH 532	The Culture of Disaster	
ANTH 552	Geoarchaeology	
ANTH 554/ ESS 554	Ecological and Social Agent-based Modeling	
ANTH 573	Paleoclimate and Human Evolution	
ANTH 575	Paleoecology	
ANTH 650/ ESS 650	Edge Effects--Place, Embodiment, Environment	
GR 410	Climate Change: Science, Policy, Implications	

GR 431	Land Change Science Lab	
GR 548	Biogeography	
Supporting Courses ^{2,3,4}		
Select a minimum of 3 credits from the following:		3
ANTH 359	Colorado Prehistory	
ANTH 414/ ETST 414	Development in Indian Country	
ANTH 455	Great Plains Archaeology	
ANTH 472	Human Biology	
ANTH 478/ HIST 478	Heritage Resource Management	
ANTH 505	Resilience, Well-Being, and Social Justice	
ANTH 506	Anthropology of Happiness and the Good Life	
ANTH 528	Economic Anthropology	
ANTH 538	Food, Hunger, and Culture	
ANTH 546	Culture, Mind, and Cognitive Science	
ANTH 572	Human Origins	
ANTH 617	Place, Space and Adaptation	
ANTH 679/IE 679	Applications of International Development	
GR 420	Spatial Analysis with GIS	
GR 503/NR 503	Remote Sensing and Image Analysis	
Outside Courses ^{2,3}		
Select a minimum of 6 credits from the following:		6
ECOL 592	Interdisciplinary Seminar in Ecology	
NR 535	Action for Sustainable Behavior	
POLS 462	Globalization, Sustainability, and Justice	
SOC 564	Environmental Justice	
Program Total Credits:		32

A minimum of 32 credits are required to complete this program.

- ¹ Select 3 credits from departmentally approved list of methods courses with approval of advisor and committee.
- ² Courses listed here constitute a partial list. Other courses may be used with approval of advisor and committee. Select courses with approval of advisor and committee.
- ³ A maximum total of six 300- to 400-level credits may be used to fulfill the requirements for this specialization under the M.A. Anthropology.
- ⁴ Any methods course listed in Core Requirements may be included in Supporting Courses if not taken to fulfill the methods requirement.

Students must complete the minimum number of credits specified in the official program of study as approved by the University Curriculum Committee, and all credit requirements specified in the **Graduate and Professional Bulletin** for their degree.

Plan B Effective Fall 2023

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
ANTH 500	Development of Anthropological Theory Research Methods ¹	3
ANTH 695	Independent Study	2
Humans and the Environment Focused Courses ^{2,3}		

Select a minimum of 12 credits from the following:	12
ANTH 446	New Orleans and the Caribbean
ANTH 450	Hunter-Gatherer Ecology
ANTH 453	Impacts on Ancient Environments
ANTH 515	Culture and Environment
ANTH 529	Anthropology and Sustainable Development
ANTH 530	Human-Environment Interactions
ANTH 532	The Culture of Disaster
ANTH 552	Geoarchaeology
ANTH 554/ ESS 554	Ecological and Social Agent-based Modeling
ANTH 573	Paleoclimate and Human Evolution
ANTH 575	Paleoecology
ANTH 650/ ESS 650	Edge Effects--Place, Embodiment, Environment
GR 410	Climate Change: Science, Policy, Implications
GR 431	Land Change Science Lab
GR 548	Biogeography

Supporting Courses^{2,3,4}

Select a minimum of 6 credits from the following:	6
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ANTH 414/ ETST 414	Development in Indian Country
ANTH 455	Great Plains Archaeology
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ANTH 538	Food, Hunger, and Culture
ANTH 546	Culture, Mind, and Cognitive Science
ANTH 572	Human Origins
ANTH 617	Place, Space and Adaptation
ANTH 679/IE 679	Applications of International Development
GR 420	Spatial Analysis with GIS
GR 503/NR 503	Remote Sensing and Image Analysis

Outside Courses^{2,3}

Select a minimum of 9 credits from the following:	9
ECOL 592	Interdisciplinary Seminar in Ecology
NR 535	Action for Sustainable Behavior
POLS 462	Globalization, Sustainability, and Justice
SOC 564	Environmental Justice

Program Total Credits: 35

A minimum of 35 credits are required to complete this program.

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Requirements for All Graduate Degrees

For more information, please visit Requirements for All Graduate Degrees (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/graduate-study/procedures-requirements-all-degrees/>) in the Graduate and Professional Bulletin (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/>).

Summary of Procedures for the Master's and Doctoral Degrees

NOTE: Each semester the Graduate School publishes a schedule of deadlines. Deadlines are available on the Graduate School website (<https://graduateschool.colostate.edu/deadline-dates/>). Students should consult this schedule whenever they approach important steps in their careers.

Forms (<https://graduateschool.colostate.edu/forms/>) are available online.

Step	Due Date
1. Application for admission (online)	Six months before first registration
2. Diagnostic examination when required	Before first registration
3. Appointment of advisor	Before first registration
4. Selection of graduate committee	Before the time of fourth regular semester registration
5. Filing of program of study (GS Form 6)	Before the time of fourth regular semester registration
6. Preliminary examination (Ph.D. and PD)	Two terms prior to final examination
7. Report of preliminary examination (GS Form 16) - (Ph.D. and PD)	Within two working days after results are known
8. Changes in committee (GS Form 9A)	When change is made
9. Application for Graduation (GS Form 25)	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School Website
9a. Reapplication for Graduation (online)	Failure to graduate requires Reapplication for Graduation (online) for the next time term for which you are applying
10. Submit thesis or dissertation to committee	At least two weeks prior to the examination or at the discretion of the graduate committee
11. Final examination	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School Website

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| 12. Report of final examination (GS Form 24) | Within two working days after results are known; refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website |
| 13. Submit a signed Thesis/ Dissertation Submission Form (GS Form 30) to the Graduate School and Submit the Survey of Earned Doctorates (Ph.D. only) prior to submitting the electronic thesis/ dissertation | Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website. |
| 14. Submit the thesis/dissertation electronically | Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website |
| 15. Graduation | Ceremony information is available from the Graduate School website |