

## **Graduate Learning Assessment Anthropology**

### **Graduate Degree Learning Outcomes**

Department of Anthropology seeks after understanding of humans through the integration of three distinct yet complementary subfields – archaeology, biological anthropology, and cultural anthropology. We are dedicated to better understanding human cultural and biological origins and diversity through education and research. Under this mission, our graduate program prepares students to obtain a degree in a timely manner in preparation for an academic career or for a career as a professional anthropologist doing applied work. Specific learning outcomes are varied by subfields and courses, but we identify the following overlapping fundamentals:

- To gain comprehensive knowledge on intellectual history and theoretical frameworks in anthropology and related fields;
- To be engaged in understanding recent and historical developments in the world;
- To familiarize themselves with, practice, and experiment various anthropological/archaeological, ethnographic, field, and scientific methods;
- To utilize such learning in identifying their research topics and designing the Project;
- To develop concrete skills in professional writing and scholarly communications;
- Through their research, to bring anthropological perspectives to bear on the problems of current global societies, including ethics in research, decolonization, power-gender-economic imbalance, and impending environmental issues;
- And to accumulate knowledge and prepare themselves for job markets of their preferred fields.

### **Graduate Degree Assessment Plans**

Based on degree requirements listed in the 'Graduate Handbook of Anthropology,' the department evaluates and documents each student's annual progress. This document is shared with students and their advisors to identify any roadblock, to mend if any, and to promote the timely academic progress. Among each subfield's degree requirements, the following steps are shared:

- To complete a minimum of 45 credits with the overall GPA 3.0 or higher for Master's degree in two years;
- To complete the core courses of each subfield, including ANTH 615 Proseminar, ANTH 610 Topics in Biological Anthropology/ANTH 680 Basic Graduate Physical Anthropology, ANTH 681 Archaeology and Anthropology, and ANTH 688/689 Social Theory I and II;
- To meet subfield specific requirements, including anthropology courses, language requirements, statistics courses, and/or ancillary skill courses in allied fields;

- To advance to a doctoral candidacy within three years of entering the doctoral program by passing two comprehensive exams and writing/defending a research prospectus;
- And to defend a doctoral dissertation within three years of entering the doctoral program.

The result of these guidelines produces over 90% placement as Professors, Museum curators, Forensics and Archeological government jobs, as well as other relevant Anthropological fields. Over the last five years we have had almost 100% graduation rate with the majority getting PhD's and a few doing terminal Masters or Certificate programs.