



University of California, Santa Barbara
Program Learning Outcomes

PhD Anthropology

Students graduating with a PhD in Anthropology should be able to:

Core Knowledge

- Demonstrate a broad understanding of anthropological research with specific command of at least two general areas such as ecological, political, evolutionary, social or economic theory.
- Demonstrate a broad understanding of the historical development of the discipline of Anthropology.
- Demonstrate advanced knowledge and expertise in one or more areas of the discipline of Anthropology.

Research Methods and Analysis

- Understand and select from the broad range of qualitative and quantitative analytical techniques commonly employed in the discipline of Anthropology.
- Be capable of selecting and applying appropriate qualitative and quantitative methods to investigate a variety of different anthropological research issues.
- Construct and complete a theoretically focused and methodologically rigorous research project.
- Conduct scholarly inquiries informed by research ethics.

Pedagogy

- Design effective undergraduate and graduate level courses in the discipline of Anthropology.
- Gain expertise in the use of audiovisual materials and digital media technologies in the classroom.
- Know how to communicate effectively to both large and small groups, in the classroom, to the public, and in academic conference settings.

Scholarly Communication

- Generate effective and coherent arguments that contribute to the scholarly understanding of important issues in the discipline of Anthropology.
- Develop effective public speaking skills for the purpose of presenting coherent arguments to academic audiences.

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- Write in a level and style of English consistent with that found in prominent journals in the discipline of Anthropology.

Professionalism

- Be familiar with relevant professional societies (e.g. AAA, AAPA, SAA).
- Know how to prepare and present an effective presentation at a national conference.
- Understand the ethical conduct of research and know how to work with relevant oversight boards or guidelines.
- Build community by making contributions to university, department, and professional service.
- Prepare manuscripts for research publication.
- Effectively review the work of others.

Independent Research

- Develop their own research projects that meet high standards of theoretical and methodological rigor.
- Prepare a proposal for extramural funding (e.g. NSF, Wenner-Gren).
- Collect and analyze data.
- Communicate research results in presentations and professional publications.