MA in Anthropology

Students graduating with a MA 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 a broad understanding of North American prehistory.

Research Methods and Analysis

- Understand the broad range of qualitative and quantitative analytical techniques commonly employed in the discipline of Anthropology and select the best method for a particular use.
- Construct and complete a theoretically focused and methodologically rigorous research project.
- Conduct scholarly inquiries informed by the Society for American Archaeology's Principals of Archaeological Ethics and the Register of Professional Archaeologists' Code of Conduct and Standards of Research Performance.

Pedagogy

- 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

- Be able to 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.
- 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, SAA, SHA, RPA).
- 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 within the workplace and through professional service.
- Be able to prepare manuscripts for research publication and technical reports for governmental entities that manage cultural resources.
- Be able to 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 an archaeological research project.
- Collect and analyze data.
- Communicate research results in presentations and professional publications.