

ANTHROPOLOGY, BA

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Anthropology is the study of human beings and their cultures. Majors develop an eye for detail and careful observation, critical thinking, sensitivity to the unfamiliar, skills in research and writing, and an ability to describe and understand culture. The programs in archaeology and biological anthropology give hands-on research experience with faculty through fieldwork in bioarchaeology, archaeology, and museum-based data collection. The programs in cultural anthropology connect anthropological research to current social challenges such as health and disease, urbanization, and geopolitics. It is a strong undergraduate major that provides sound interdisciplinary preparation for a variety of careers.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Students pursuing this degree must complete 36 credits within the major, with a minimum GPA of 2.00.

For policies governing all undergraduate degrees, see AP.5 Undergraduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/>).

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Total credits: minimum 120

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Students are advised to consult with an advisor to learn how they can fulfill Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) requirements in global understanding, information technology, and synthesis, as well as the college-level requirement in non-Western culture.

Core Courses in the Major

Code	Title	Credits
Introductory Courses		
ANTH 114	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ANTH 120	Unearthing the Past: Prehistory, Culture and Evolution (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ANTH 135	Introduction to Biological Anthropology (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
Total Credits		9

Code	Title	Credits
Cultural Anthropology		
Select one course from the following:		3
ANTH 302	Peoples and Cultures of Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ANTH 308	Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ANTH 309	Peoples and Cultures of India (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ANTH 312	Political Anthropology (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ANTH 313	Myth, Magic, and Mind (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ANTH 314	Zombies	
ANTH 317	East Asian Cultures	
ANTH 320	Global Africa	
ANTH 321	The Cultures of Death	
ANTH 330	Peoples and Cultures of Selected Regions: Non-Western	
ANTH 331	Refugees (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ANTH 332	Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Globalization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ANTH 370	Environment and Culture	
ANTH 376	Food and Culture	
ANTH 380	Language and Culture	
ANTH 381	Medical Anthropology	
ANTH 382	Urban Anthropology (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ANTH 396	Issues in Anthropology: Social Sciences (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) (with program approval)	
ANTH 399	Issues in Anthropology (with program approval)	
ANTH 400	Engaging the World: Anthropological Perspectives (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
Total Credits		3

Code	Title	Credits
Biological Anthropology		
Select 3-4 credits from the following:		3-4
ANTH 350	Human Growth and Development	
ANTH 353	Anthropological Genomics	
ANTH 355	Human Origins	
ANTH 357	Bioarchaeology	
ANTH 363	Humans, Disease, and Death (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	

ANTH 365	Scientific Racism and Human Variation (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
ANTH 366	Food and Human Evolution
ANTH 367	DNA, Identity, and Power
ANTH 388 & ANTH 389	Human Osteology and Human Osteology Lab ¹
ANTH 393	Paleopathology
ANTH 396	Issues in Anthropology: Social Sciences (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) (with program approval)
ANTH 399	Issues in Anthropology (with program approval)

Total Credits 3-4

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Students taking ANTH 388 Human Osteology/ANTH 389 Human Osteology Lab will have 4 credits for this requirement.

Code	Title	Credits
Archaeology		
Select one course from the following:		3
ANTH 300	Civilizations	
ANTH 307	Ancient Mesoamerica (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ANTH 324	Warfare, Violence, and Sacrifice in Antiquity	
ANTH 325	Field Techniques in Archaeology	
ANTH 357	Bioarchaeology	
ANTH 373	Archaeological Science	
ANTH 374	Archaeology of Hunter-Gatherers	
ANTH 377	Mortuary Archaeology	
ANTH 379	Andean Archaeology	
ANTH 387	Zooarchaeology	
ANTH 394	Archaeology of Climate Change	
ANTH 396	Issues in Anthropology: Social Sciences (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) (with program approval)	
ANTH 399	Issues in Anthropology (with program approval)	

Total Credits 3

Code	Title	Credits
Theory Course		
ANTH 490	History of Anthropological Theory (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3

Total Credits 3

Code	Title	Credits
Methods Course		
ANTH 386 or ANTH 450	Quantitative Methods in Anthropology or Ethnographic Research Methods	3

Total Credits 3

Electives in the Major

Code	Title	Credits
Select 12 credits from the following:		12
ANTH courses 300-499 (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/anth/)		
Total Credits		12

Writing-Intensive Requirement

The university requires all students to complete at least one course designated "writing intensive" in their majors at the 300 level or above. Students majoring in anthropology may fulfill this requirement by successfully completing ANTH 490 History of Anthropological Theory (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>).

Additional Electives

Any remaining credits may be completed with electives to bring the degree total to 120.

Upper Level Requirement

Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation requirements.

College Level Requirements for the BA Degree

In addition to the Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) program, students pursuing a BA degree must complete the coursework below. Except where expressly prohibited, a course used to fulfill a college level requirement may also be used simultaneously to satisfy other requirements (Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) requirements or requirements for the major).

Philosophy or Religious Studies

Code	Title	Credits
Select 3 credits from the following:		3
PHIL (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/phil/) ¹		
RELI (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/reli/)		

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Note that the following courses may not be used to fulfill this requirement:

- PHIL 323 Classical Western Political Theory
- PHIL 324 Modern Western Political Theory
- PHIL 327 Contemporary Western Political Theory
- PHIL 393 Humanities College to Career
- PHIL 460 Senior Seminar in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

Additionally, PHIL 253, RELI 235, RELI 333, and RELI 339 cannot be used to fulfill both the philosophy/religious studies requirement and the Mason Core literature (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#literature>) requirement.

Social and Behavioral Sciences

Code	Title	Credits
Select 3 credits of social and behavioral sciences from the following (additional to the Mason Core social and behavioral sciences requirement) ¹		3
ANTH (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/anth/)		
CRIM (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/crim/)		
ECON (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/econ/)		

GOVT (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/govt/>)

HIST (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/hist/>)²

LING (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/ling/>)

PSYC (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/psyc/>)

SOCI (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/soci/>)

Or choose from the following GGS courses:

GGS 101	Major World Regions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
GGS 103	Human Geography (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
GGS 110	Introduction to Geoinformation Technologies
GGS 301	Political Geography (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
GGS 303	Geography of Resource Conservation (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
GGS 304	Population Geography (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
GGS 305	Economic Geography
GGS 306	Urban Geography
GGS 315	Geography of the United States
GGS 316	Geography of Latin America
GGS 320	Geography of Europe
GGS 325	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East
GGS 326	Geography of Eastern Europe and Russia
GGS 357	Urban Planning
GGS 380	Geography of Virginia

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The two courses used to fulfill the combined college and Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) requirements must be from different disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences.

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HIST 100 and HIST 125 may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

Foreign Language

Code	Title	Credits
Intermediate-level proficiency in one foreign language, fulfilled by: ¹		
Completing 3 credits in a foreign language numbered 202 (or higher level courses taught in the language) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/)		
Or achieving a satisfactory score on an approved proficiency test		
Or completing the following ASL three course sequence:		
EDSE 115	American Sign Language (ASL) I	
EDSE 116	American Sign Language (ASL) II	
EDSE 219	American Sign Language (ASL) III	

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Students who are already proficient in a second language may be eligible for a waiver of this requirement. Additional information on waivers can be found at the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs (<http://chssundergrad.gmu.edu/>).

Non-Western Culture

Select 3 credits of an approved course in the study of a non-Western culture (additional to the Mason Core requirement in global understanding)

Code	Title	Credits
Select 3 credits (additional to Mason Core Global Understanding requirement) ¹		
ANTH 114	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ANTH 300	Civilizations	3
ANTH 302	Peoples and Cultures of Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ANTH 307	Ancient Mesoamerica (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ANTH 308	Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ANTH 309	Peoples and Cultures of India (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ANTH 313	Myth, Magic, and Mind (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ANTH 314	Zombies	3
ANTH 317	East Asian Cultures	3
ANTH 330	Peoples and Cultures of Selected Regions: Non-Western	3
ANTH 332	Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Globalization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ANTH 381	Medical Anthropology	3
ANTH 396	Issues in Anthropology: Social Sciences (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARAB 360	Topics in Arabic Cultural Production	3
ARAB 365	Black and Minority Cultures in Arabic Literature (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARAB 420	Survey of Arabic Literature	3
ARAB 440	Topics in Arabic Religious Thought and Texts (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 203	Survey of Asian Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 204	Survey of Latin American Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 206	Survey of African Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3

ARTH 317	The Black Pharaohs: Art and Archaeology of Ancient Nubia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	HIST 252	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 318	Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt	3	HIST 261	Survey of African History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 319	Art and Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	HIST 262	Survey of African History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 320	Art of the Islamic World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	HIST 271	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 382	Arts of India (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	HIST 272	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 383	Arts of Southeast Asia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	HIST 281	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 384	Arts of China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	HIST 282	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 385	Arts of Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	HIST 326	Stalinism	3
ARTH 482	RS: Advanced Studies in Asian Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	HIST 327	The Soviet Union and Russia Since World War II	3
CHIN 318	Introduction to Classical Chinese (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	HIST 328	Rise of Russia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
CHIN 320	Contemporary Chinese Film	3	HIST 329	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
CHIN 325	Major Chinese Writers (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	HIST 353	History of Traditional China	3
CHIN 470	Special Topics in Chinese Studies	3	HIST 354	Modern China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
DANC 118	Global Dance Perspectives I (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	HIST 356	Modern Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ECON 361	Economic Development of Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	HIST 357	Postwar Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ECON 362	African Economic Development (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	HIST 358	Post-1949 China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
FREN 454	Topics in Caribbean Francophone Literature and Culture	3	HIST 360	History of South Africa (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GGG 101	Major World Regions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	HIST 364	Revolution in Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GGG 316	Geography of Latin America	3	HIST 365	Conquest and Colonization in Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GGG 317	Geography of China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	HIST 366	Comparative Slavery	3
GGG 325	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East	3	HIST 377	The Vietnam War (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GGG 399	Select Topics in GGS	3	HIST 384	Global History of Christianity (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GOVT 332	Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	3	HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3-6
GOVT 333	Politics of East Asia	3	HIST 461	Arab-Israeli Conflict	3
GOVT 338	Politics of Eurasia	3	HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GOVT 340	Central Asian Politics	3	HIST 465	The Middle East in the 20th Century	3
GOVT 341	Chinese Foreign Policy	3			
GOVT 345	Islam and Politics	3			
GOVT 433	Political Economy of East Asia	3			
HIST 251	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3			

JAPA 310	Japanese Culture in a Global World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
JAPA 340	Topics in Japanese Literature (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
JAPA 380	Japan in Motion	3
KORE 300	Korean Culture and Society	3
KORE 320	Korean Popular Culture in a Global World	3
KORE 385	Introduction to Korean Linguistics	3
MUSI 103	Musics of the World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
RELI 211	Introduction to Religions of the "West" (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
RELI 212	Introduction to Religions of Asia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
RELI 312	Islam (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
RELI 313	Hinduism (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
RELI 314	Chinese Philosophies and Religious Traditions	3
RELI 315	Buddhism (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
RELI 317	Daoism	3
RELI 318	Korean Philosophy and Religions	3
RELI 338	Qur'an and Hadith	3
RELI 342	Comparative Study of Mysticism	3
RELI 344	Muhammad: Life and Legacy	3
RELI 358	Islamic Thought (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
RELI 367	Islamic Law, Society, and Ethics	3
RELI 368	Islam, Democracy, and Human Rights (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
RELI 384	Global History of Christianity (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
RELI 490	Comparative Study of Religions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
RUSS 353	Russian Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
RUSS 354	Contemporary Post-Soviet Life (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
WMST 407	Transnational Sexualities	3

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A course used to fulfill the Mason Core global understanding (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global>) requirement may not be simultaneously used to satisfy this college-level requirement. A course used to fulfill this requirement may be used simultaneously to fulfill any other requirements (Mason Core requirements, college-level requirements, or requirements for the major). Additional information on waivers can be found at the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs (<http://chssundergrad.gmu.edu/>).

Mason Core

Some Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) requirements may already be fulfilled by the major requirements listed above. Students are strongly encouraged to consult their advisors to ensure they fulfill all remaining Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) requirements.

Students who have completed the following credentials are eligible for a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower level) requirement categories. The Integration category (upper level) is not waived under this policy. See Admissions (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-policies/#transfertext>) for more information.

- VCCS Uniform Certificate of General Studies
- VCCS or Richard Bland Associate of Science (A.S.), Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Arts and Sciences (A.A.&S.), or Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.)

Code	Title	Credits
Foundation Requirements		
	Written Communication (lower-level) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#written)	3
	Oral Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#oral)	3
	Quantitative Reasoning (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#quantitative)	3
	Information Technology and Computing (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#information-technology)	3
Exploration Requirements		
	Arts (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#arts)	3
	Global Contexts (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-contexts)	3
	Global History (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-history)	3
	Literature (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#literature)	3
	Natural Science (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#natural-science)	7
	Social and Behavioral Sciences (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#social-behavioral-science)	3
	Just Societies (optional) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#justsocieties) ¹	3
Integration Requirements		
	Written Communication (upper-level) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#written)	3
	Writing Intensive (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#wi) ²	3
	Mason Apex (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#apex) ³	3
Total Credits		40

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In addition to covering content related to the designated category, Exploration level courses marked with a *Just Societies* "flag" are specifically designed to help students learn how to interact effectively with others from all walks of life, including those with backgrounds and beliefs that differ from their own. Courses marked with the Just Societies flag are available for students starting in Fall 2024. Students admitted prior to the Fall of 2025 are not required to take courses with a Just Societies flag but may wish to do so to increase their knowledge and skills in this important area. Students interested in this approach to completing their Mason Core Exploration Requirements should work closely with their advisor to identify the appropriate Just Societies-flagged courses.

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Most programs include the writing-intensive course designated for the major as part of the major requirements; this course is therefore not counted towards the total required for Mason Core.

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Minimum 3 credits required.

4-Year Plan

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology Sample Plan of Study

A sample four year graduation plan and degree planning worksheet can be found at <https://academicaffairs.chss.gmu.edu/undergraduate-students/advising/advising-sheets> (<https://academicaffairs.chss.gmu.edu/undergraduate-students/advising/advising-sheets/>). The plan is a recommended sequencing of courses based on prerequisites and scheduling. This may not fit every student's needs and is a guideline, not a requirement. Students should confirm major requirements with their academic advisor each semester and with their PatriotWeb Degree Evaluation to ensure they enroll in the proper courses and are on track to graduate.

Honors

Honors in the Major

Highly-qualified students majoring in anthropology may apply to graduate with honors in the major.

Eligibility

To be eligible, students must have completed at least 60 credits, taken ENGH 302 Advanced Composition (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) for the social sciences, completed 15 credits of anthropology (including ANTH 114 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)), and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.30 and a minimum grade of B+ in anthropology courses.

Requirements

If accepted, students complete two honors courses. The first course is an honors section of one of these courses: ANTH 450 Ethnographic Research Methods, ANTH 495 Internship or another course chosen in consultation with the honors director. The second course is ANTH 499 Independent Research, in which students complete an honors paper

written under the guidance of an anthropology faculty member. All candidates for honors in the major participate in an honors colloquium. To graduate with honors in the major, students must complete the honors coursework with a minimum GPA of 3.50.

Accelerated Master's

The accelerated master's program below specifies the BA in Anthropology as a feeder degree for its program. Many other accelerated master's programs are also available for any bachelor's degree at Mason. See the full list of degrees (http://catalog.gmu.edu/programs/#filter=filter_24) with accelerated programs at Mason.

Anthropology, BA/Anthropology, Accelerated MA

Overview

Highly-qualified undergraduates may be admitted to the bachelor's/accelerated master's program and obtain a BA in Anthropology and a MA in Anthropology in an accelerated time-frame after satisfactory completion of a minimum of 138 credits. Students with both a BA and MA have a competitive advantage when applying to PhD programs in anthropology.

See AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>) for policies related to this program.

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

BAM Pathway Admission Requirements

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>) and Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degree policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>). For information specific to the accelerated MA in Anthropology, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (<http://soan.gmu.edu/programs/LA-MA-ANTH/application/>).

Students will be considered for admission into the BAM Pathway after completion of a minimum of 60 credits and additional unit-specific criteria.

Students who are accepted into the BAM Pathway will be allowed to register for graduate level courses after successful completion of a minimum of 75 undergraduate credits.

Accelerated Master's Admission Requirements

Students already admitted in the BAM pathway will be admitted to the MA Anthropology, if they have met the following criteria, as verified on the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition form:

- Minimum overall GPA of 3.25
- Completion of ANTH 490 History of Anthropological Theory (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

- Successfully meeting Mason's requirements for undergraduate degree conferral (graduation) and completing the application for graduation.

Accelerated Pathway Requirements

To maintain the integrity and quality of both the undergraduate and graduate degree programs, undergraduate students interested in taking graduate courses must choose from the following:

Advanced Standing courses (up to 12 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
ANTH 531	Refugees in the Contemporary World	3
ANTH 535	Anthropology and the Human Condition: Seminar I	3
ANTH 536	Anthropology and the Human Condition: Seminar II	3
ANTH 555	Policy and Culture	3
ANTH 556	Human Growth and Development	3
ANTH 557	Human Origins	3
ANTH 570	Andean Archaeology	3
ANTH 577	Mortuary Archaeology	3
ANTH 580	Environmental Anthropology	3
ANTH 582	Human Osteology	3
ANTH 583	Human Osteology Lab	1
ANTH 584	Paleopathology	3
ANTH 585	Bioarchaeology	3
ANTH 586	Quantitative Methods in Anthropology	3
ANTH 587	Zooarchaeology	4
ANTH 590	Forensic Anthropology	3
ANTH 591	Forensic Anthropology Lab	2
ANTH 599	Contemporary Issues in Anthropology	3
ANTH 616	Anthropology of the City	3
ANTH 635	Regional Ethnography	3
ANTH 640	Applied Anthropology	3
ANTH 650	Methods in Anthropology	3
ANTH 684	Independent Study in Sociocultural Anthropology	1-6
ANTH 687	Medical Anthropology	3

Reserve Graduate Credit courses (up to 6 credits) taken while an undergraduate and will only count for the graduate degree program

All courses listed as advanced standing credit can be used for reserve graduate credit.

For more detailed information on coursework and timeline requirements see AP6.7 Bachelor's Accelerated Master's Degree (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>) policies.