

# University of Houston, Department of Comparative Cultural Studies

## Program Information

Program Name	University of Houston, Department of Comparative Cultural Studies
General Description / Special Programs	<p>Anthropology is a program within the department, of Comparative Cultural Studies but all courses and degrees are in Anthropology. A diverse curriculum provides courses in the major subfields of cultural anthropology, archaeology, linguistics, and physical anthropology at the undergraduate level as well as in the study of important world regions, such as the United States, Latin America, and Africa. The MA Program in Anthropology in the department trains students to be engaged cultural anthropologists with some opportunities for Archaeological Research.</p> <p>Our faculty is actively engaged in field research throughout the world, including cultural anthropology, ethnography, medical anthropology, and archaeology, with particular expertise in the study of the United States and North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, South Asia, Africa, and Europe. Students are encouraged to gain firsthand experience in various aspects of anthropological research, both domestically and abroad. On-campus and Houston-area research and public engagement opportunities are also often available each term. Our program especially encourages and supports diverse forms of community-based research collaborations and partnerships in the Houston metropolitan area as part of the work of publicly engaged anthropology.</p>
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## Program Details

Degrees Offered	BA/BS anthropology; MA anthropology
Tuition Information	<a href="http://uh.edu/financial/">uh.edu/financial/</a>
Highest Degree Offered	MA/MS
Certificate Info	
Other Degree Requirements	MA Anthropology Degree Requirement Page: <a href="https://uh.edu/class/ccs/anthropology/graduate/">https://uh.edu/class/ccs/anthropology/graduate/</a>
AA/ AS Requirements	
BA/BS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anthropology</li> <li>• Applied Anthropology</li> <li>• Archaeology</li> <li>• Biological Anthropology</li> <li>• Cultural Anthropology</li> <li>• Linguistic Anthropology</li> </ul>
BA/ BS Requirements	Majors must meet the general requirements for a baccalaureate degree, in addition to fulfilling the department requirements. This includes 120 hours, (36 advanced). Students must complete 30 semester hours in Anthropology, to include 2302, and two courses selected from ANTH 2301, 2303, and 2304. Majors must also complete ANTH 4310 and 3 hrs at any level. 15 semester hours must be at the 3000 level or above.
MA/MS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applied Anthropology</li> <li>• Archaeology</li> <li>• Biological Anthropology</li> <li>• Cultural Anthropology</li> <li>• Linguistic Anthropology</li> </ul>
Experience Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internship</li> </ul>
MA/ MS Requirements	30 hours coursework, 6 hours of thesis, including statistics, methods and passing a comprehensive exam in required courses plus subdisciplines relevant to student's thesis..
MA/MS Specializations	
Phd Requirements	
Research Facilities	Archaeology Labs; computer labs for undergraduate majors and graduate students. Special collections and Digital Research Center at the MD Anderson Library is a great resource for our students.
Support Opportunities	Graduate Student Support Available: 5 teaching assistantships, research assistantships in varying amounts. Other scholarship aid competitive throughout university
Library Resources	MD Anderson Library on campus, plus access to all University libraries and other campuses' libraries.
Internships Available	
Internship Info	
Internship Required	
Publications	
Collections	
Grants Or Funding	
Misc Information	
Phd Specializations	
Certs Offered	

## Statistical Information

2020-21	Number of New Grad Students	5
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	4
	Number of Male Grad Students	7
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Female Grad Students	19
	Number Of Total Grad Students	26
	MA/MS Degrees Granted Total	4
2019-20	Number of New Grad Students	6
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	5
	Number of Male Grad Students	10
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	57
	Number of Female Grad Students	18
	Number Of Total Grad Students	28
	MA/MS Degrees Granted Total	5
2018-19	Number of Male Undergrad Students	0
	Number of New Grad Students	6
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	3
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	35
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	0
	Number of Male Grad Students	7
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	37
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	0
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	15
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Female Grad Students	15

2017-18	Number of Male Undergrad Students	0
	Number of New Grad Students	6
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	2
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	22
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	0
	Number of Male Grad Students	4
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	30
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	0
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	3
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	18
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Female Grad Students	21
2016-17	Number of Male Undergrad Students	0
	Number of New Grad Students	8
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	1
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	25
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	0
	Number of Male Grad Students	9
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	40
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	0
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	1
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	12
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Female Grad Students	18
2015-16	Number of Male Undergrad Students	0
	Number of New Grad Students	12
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	4
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	24
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	0
	Number of Male Grad Students	10
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	40
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	0
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	2
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	9
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Female Grad Students	20

2014-15	Number of Male Undergrad Students	0
	Number of New Grad Students	8
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	2
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	0
	Number of Male Grad Students	8
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	50
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	0
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	2
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Female Grad Students	17

## Program Contacts

Name	Phone	Email	Interest/Specialty Areas	Geographic Areas of Expertise United States	Geographic Areas of Expertise International
Kenneth Brown		klbrown@uh.edu	Archaeology, Texas Archeology, historical archaeology	Mesoamerica, African Diaspora	Western Hemisphere
Nicholas De Genova		ndegenova@uh.edu	Born and raised in Chicago, Professor De Genova is a scholar of migration, borders, race, citizenship, and labor. His academic work has contributed to multiple disciplines, including anthropology, sociology, geography, and political science, as well as contributing to the interdisciplinary fields of cultural studies, migration studies, border studies, citizenship studies, sociolegal studies, urban studies, postcolonial studies, American studies, Latin American studies, and European studies. As a scholar of critical race and ethnic studies, Professor De Genova has been most prominently located in Latino/a/x studies, but his work has also made contributions to African American studies, Asian American studies, Native American studies, and Arab American studies, and in the European context, also to Roma studies. He is also a social and political theorist and critic. Beginning in 2020, following the police murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Professor De Genova was appointed to chair a Special Committee on Race and Social Justice in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Houston	United States, Latin America, Europe	Europe / Eurasia, Western Hemisphere
Andrew Gordon		andrew.gordon@mail.uh.edu	Medical and applied anthropology, urban environments, international development, and alcohol/drug studies	Latin America, West Africa, and US cities	Sub-Saharan Africa
Janis Hutchinson		jhutchinson@uh.edu	Physical and medical anthropology, human variation, African American health, race, racism and health	Urban US	Western Hemisphere
Keith McNeal		kemcneal@uh.edu	Comparative religion, ritual, and performance, citizenship, globalization and multiculturalism, diaspora studies	Caribbean and the Americas	Western Hemisphere
Rachel Quinn		raqinn@uh.edu	Transnational feminist theory, critical mixed race studies, digital humanities, and public scholarship.	Dominican Republic, African Diaspora	
Susan Rasmussen		srasnussen@uh.edu	Religion, healing systems, verbal art performance, gender, life course and aging	Africa	Sub-Saharan Africa

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Debarati Sen		debarati9@gmail.com	Anthropology of Sustainability, Labor Studies, Food Studies, Feminist Political Economy, Feminist Ethnography, Development Studies, Militarization of Ethnic Minorities, Himalayan Studies (Darjeeling Studies), South Asia Studies,	India	Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, South and Central Asia
Rebecca Storey		rstorey@uh.edu	Physical and medical anthropology, human osteology and demography	Mesoamerica	Western Hemisphere
Randolph Widmer		rwidmer@uh.edu	Archaeology, culture ecology, coastal adaptation, and craft specialization, sociocultural complexity	North America, Mesoamerica	Western Hemisphere
Dinah Hannaford		drhannaf@central.uh.edu	Dinah Hannaford is a cultural anthropologist whose work centers around the political economy of intimate life. As an experienced ethnographic field researcher with a strong linguistic foundation in French, Italian, and Wolof, Hannaford uses fine-grained ethnography to offer fresh insights into the conditions, challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. With an eye to questions of gender and power, her work provides a substantive contribution to crucial questions about mobility, technology, intimacy and inequality.		
Ivan Small		ivsmall@central.uh.edu	Dr. Small's research considers mobility, circulation and capital transformations in a trans-Pacific context, with a focus on Southeast Asia and the United States. He has been particularly engaged with Vietnam as a site of personal and academic research since the mid 1990s. Dr. Small is author of <i>Currencies of Imagination: Channeling Money and Chasing Mobility in Vietnam</i> (Cornell 2019), which examines the changing social, spatial and material dimensions of remittances between the U.S. and Vietnam since 1975, drawing on fieldwork in San Jose and Orange County California, and Saigon and Quy Nhon Vietnam. He is also co-editor (with Bill Maurer and Smoki Musaraj) of <i>Money at the Margins: Global Perspectives on Technology, Financial Inclusion &amp; Design</i> (Berghahn 2018), featuring comparative ethnographic work on digital money and financial inclusion initiatives across the Global South, from Kenya to the Philippines.		

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Marwa Ghazali		mghazali@uh.edu	<p>Dr. Marwa Ghazali is a cultural and medical anthropologist with interdisciplinary expertise in African and African Diaspora studies, Muslim American studies, Islamic studies, peace and conflict studies, and biology. Most recently, she was a W. E. B. Du Bois Research Fellow at the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research at Harvard University. Dr. Ghazali's research and scholarship center around themes of migration, structural oppression, urban precarity, racial, gender, and health inequalities, and the politics of death and dying. She pairs multi-sited ethnographic fieldwork with historical and archival research to shed light on experiential dimensions of state violence. Her analysis delineates structural factors that shape (im)mobility, morbidity, and mortality among marginalized communities in Africa, the Middle East, and the US. Ghazali's scholarship puts medical anthropology in conversation with Black feminist, Pan-African, decolonial, and critical race studies and highlights the intersectional and nuanced ways violence and inequality are brought to bear on individual and communal bodies. Her work attends to creative agencies, embodied modes, political subjectivities, emergent moralities, alternative economies, and social networks people cultivate to live and die with dignity. Dr. Ghazali's scholarship has been featured on NPR/KCUR Public Radio.</p>		



