



SUNY, University at Albany, Department of Anthropology

Program Information

Program Name	SUNY, University at Albany, Department of Anthropology
General Description / Special Programs	As a four-field Anthropology program with strong faculty representation in archeological, biological, cultural, and linguistic anthropology, we have theoretical and regional concentrations in applied, medical, and historical anthropology, as well as indigenous Mesoamerica and Northeastern North America. Archaeological, ethnographic, and linguistics field schools are offered in New York State, Newfoundland, and Mesoamerica. The department partners with the NY State Museum and the NY Dept. of Health. It also coordinates teaching and research collaborations with other departments including: Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Biological Sciences, Linguistics and Cognitive Science, and Public Health.
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Program Details

Degrees Offered	Anthropology PhD, MA, BA; Linguistics BA; Human Biology BS
Tuition Information	
Highest Degree Offered	PhD
Certificate Info	
Other Degree Requirements	
AA/ AS Requirements	
BA/BS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Archaeology • Biological Anthropology • Cultural Anthropology • Linguistic Anthropology
BA/ BS Requirements	Please see www.albany.edu for degree requirements.
MA/MS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Archaeology • Biological Anthropology • Cultural Anthropology • Linguistic Anthropology
Experience Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conferences • Fellowships/Grants • Field Work • Internship
MA/ MS Requirements	
MA/MS Specializations	Please see www.albany.edu for degree requirements.
PhD Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Archaeology • Biological Anthropology • Cultural Anthropology • Linguistic Anthropology
Phd Requirements	Please see www.albany.edu for degree requirements.
Research Facilities	In addition to an Ethnology Research Lab and a Linguistics Lab, the University has teaching collections available in archaeology and biological anthropology. There are computer user rooms in the Department and in the University Libraries. The department also has research laboratories in: Northeast Archaeology and Archaeometry; Mesoamerican Archaeology; Ecological and Environmental Archaeology; Demography; Primate Evolutionary Morphology; Evolutionary Paleoecology; Human Biomechanics; and a Laboratory for research on Child Health and the Environment.
Support Opportunities	Departmental assistantships; tuition scholarships; and funding for graduate student fieldwork and research are available from the University, the NY State Museum and the Institute for Mesoamerican Studies.
Library Resources	The University Library provides strong support for the instructional and research needs of the department. The monograph collection exceeds 2 million volumes, of which over 80,000 are related to anthropology. The Library subscribes to approximately 270 full text and bibliographic databases, including e-HRAF, and provides access to about 30,000 journals, newspapers and other types of serials in print and/or electronic formats. Several important special collections relevant to anthropology are maintained, including a large collection of facsimile Mesoamerican codices, one of the most complete collections of American historical children's literature pertinent to analyses of social history, and the library of anthropologist Morris Opler. The Library is a partial depository for federal and NYS government documents. An active interlibrary loan network and proximity to the resources of the State Library of New York further complement the University's collections.
Internships Available	
Internship Info	
Internship Required	

Publications	The University at Albany Anthropology Department published the journal <i>Northeast Anthropology</i> (https://www.albany.edu/northeast_anthropology/) and a book series through a joint agreement between the Institute of Mesoamerican Studies and the University of Colorado Press (https://www.albany.edu/ims/publications.html).
Collections	
Grants Or Funding	
Misc Information	The University at Albany has an active Institute for Mesoamerican Studies (IMS). The Institute is a non-profit educational research institute dedicated to the study and dissemination of knowledge concerning the peoples and cultures of Mesoamerica (Mexico and northern Central America). Dr. Verónica Pérez-Rodríguez is the current director of the IMS. Email: ims@albany.edu .
Phd Specializations	
Certs Offered	

Statistical Information

2020-21	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	62
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	2
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	4
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	6
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	2
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	182
	AA/AS Degrees Granted Total	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted Total	244
	MA/MS Degrees Granted Total	6
	PHD Degrees Granted Total	8
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Non-binary or third gender	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Non-binary or third gender	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Non-binary or third gender	0
	PHD Degrees Granted To Non-binary or third gender	0

2019-20	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	60
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	0
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	142
	Number of Female Grad Students	40
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	4
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	3
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	445
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	2
	Number of New Grad Students	22
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	34
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	157
	Number of Male Grad Students	18
	Number Of Total Grad Students	58
	Number Of Total Undergrad Students	614
	AA/AS Degrees Granted Total	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted Total	217
	MA/MS Degrees Granted Total	5
	PHD Degrees Granted Total	3
Number of Non-binary or third gender Undergrad Students	0	
AA/AS Degrees Granted To Non-binary or third gender	0	
BA/BS Degrees Granted To Non-binary or third gender	0	
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Non-binary or third gender	0	
PHD Degrees Granted To Non-binary or third gender	0	
2018-19	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	49
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	1
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	167
	Number of Female Grad Students	45
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	3
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	4
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	422
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	2
	Number of New Grad Students	12
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	35
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	130
	Number of Male Grad Students	20

2017-18	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	38
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	1
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	187
	Number of Female Grad Students	41
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	8
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	2
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	469
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	1
	Number of New Grad Students	15
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	29
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	138
	Number of Male Grad Students	21
	2016-17	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males
BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males		97
PHD Degrees Granted To Males		2
AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		0
Number of Male Undergrad Students		237
Number of Female Grad Students		48
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females		1
PHD Degrees Granted To Females		2
Number of Female Undergrad Students		509
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males		3
Number of New Grad Students		18
Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding		24
BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		158
Number of Male Grad Students		32
2015-16		AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	59
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	4
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	279
	Number of Female Grad Students	55
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	6
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	2
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	533
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	2
	Number of New Grad Students	15
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	22
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	132
	Number of Male Grad Students	28

2014-15	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	57
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	4
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	338
	Number of Female Grad Students	40
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	5
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	3
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	476
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	3
	Number of New Grad Students	10
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	26
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	131
	Number of Male Grad Students	21
2013-14	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	52
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	5
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	237
	Number of Female Grad Students	79
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	10
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	4
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	450
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	2
	Number of New Grad Students	22
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	30
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	111
	Number of Male Grad Students	26
2012-13	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	84
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	1
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	224
	Number of Female Grad Students	53
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	3
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	0
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	401
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	7
	Number of New Grad Students	20
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	4
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	125
	Number of Male Grad Students	31

2011-12	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	56
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	1
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	225
	Number of Female Grad Students	53
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	4
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	7
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	360
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	1
	Number of New Grad Students	15
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	2
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	74
	Number of Male Grad Students	25

Program Contacts

Name	Phone	Email	Interest/Specialty Areas	Geographic Area(s) of Expertise	Geographic Areas of Expertise International
Marilyn Masson	+1 518.442.5199	mmasson@albany.edu	Archaeology, ancient economies and urbanism, political organization, human ecology, ancient religion, zooarchaeology, lithic analysis	Mesoamerica, North America	Belize, Mexico, Western Hemisphere
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Elise Andaya	+1 518.442.4224	eandaya@albany.edu	Gender; kinship and reproduction; populational change; medical anthropology; health and healthcare; cultures of socialist and post-socialist states; race; migration and transnationalism; personhood and changing ethical systems.	Cuba, Latin America, the Caribbean	Cuba, Western Hemisphere
Louise Burkhart	+1 518.442.4706	Lburkhart@albany.edu	Ethnohistory/Historical ethnography; colonialism and evangelization; symbolic, interpretive, and postmodern anthropology; Mesoamerican religions (pre-Columbian, colonial, and contemporary); textual analysis; Mesoamerican history and ethnology; Native North American and Mesoamerican literatures; Nahuatl catechistic and devotional literature; folklore, folk narrative, fairy tales; Nahuatl language; and pre-Columbian and Indo-Christian art.	Mesoamerica and North America	Western Hemisphere
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John Justeson		jjusteson@albany.edu	Linguistics, historical linguistics, language and prehistory, variation and change, writing systems, probabilistic and simulation models, Mesoamerican languages and hieroglyphic writing, Elamite, Indus Valley writing.	Mesoamerica	Western Hemisphere
Verónica Pérez-Rodríguez	+1 518.442.4453	vperezrodriguez@albany.edu	Ecological and Environmental Anthropology; Mesoamerican Archaeology; Complex Societies and Urbanism; Landscape and Regional Studies; Agriculture and Terracing.	Mesoamerica	Western Hemisphere
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