

University of California, Irvine, Department of Anthropology

Program Information

Program Name	University of California, Irvine, Department of Anthropology
General Description / Special Programs	The Department focuses on social and cultural anthropology, with a strong emphasis on understanding emergent processes and systems at a number of scales, including the local, national and transnational level. The Department fosters a critical empiricism that employs a range of ethnographic, historical, and quantitative methods to address questions of subjectivity, political economy, and social inequality. We believe that a theoretically and methodologically engaged anthropology of the contemporary must engage in research at the intersection of the local the global as well as the past and present, coming to grips with the large-scale cultural transformations and the institutions and practices of modernity.
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Program Details

Degrees Offered	Anthropology PhD; MA with a concentration in Anthropologies of Medicine, Science and Technology; Anthropology BA, Minors in Anthropology and Medical Anthropology
Tuition Information	
Highest Degree Offered	PhD
Certificate Info	https://www.anthropology.uci.edu/undergrad/cert.php
Other Degree Requirements	
AA/ AS Requirements	
BA/BS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeology • Cultural Anthropology
BA/ BS Requirements	<p>Departmental Req's for the Major: School requirements must be met and must include 12 courses (48 units) from: A) Anthropology 2A; B) Anthropology 2B, 2C or 2D; C) Anthropology 2B, 2C, 2D, 25A, 30A, 30C, or 45A; D) Anthropology 100A and Anthropology 100B and Anthropology 180AW; E) Six additional elective courses (24 units) from Anthropology 25A, 30A, 30C, 45A, Anthropology 120-179 View the following website for Undergraduate Certificates: https://www.anthropology.uci.edu/undergrad/cert.php. Students interested in fulfilling the requirements for one of the Dept's certificate programs should plan their topical and elective courses accordingly. Certificate programs require four courses from the list approved for each certificate. Minor in Medical Anthropology and an Interdisciplinary Minor in Archaeology.</p>
MA/MS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Cultural Anthropology
MA/ MS Requirements	
MA/MS Specializations	<p>MA concentration in Medicine, Science, and Technology Studies. Highly-qualified students seeking training for responding to the significant and rapidly changing impact of medicine and technology upon economics and societies around the world are invited to apply to this master's degree program, administered by the Department of Anthropology, but drawing expertise from faculty across the Irvine campus. Students who complete the program earn an M.A. in Social Science with a concentration in Medicine, Science, and Technology Studies.</p>
PhD Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Cultural Anthropology
Phd Requirements	<p>Students must complete a one-year Proseminar in Anthropology (ANTHRO 202A-ANTHRO 202B-ANTHRO 202C) during their first year. In their second year, students are required to complete a three-course sequence in ethnographic methods, research design, and grant writing (ANTHRO 215A, ANTHRO 215B, ANTHRO 215C). Students are also required to complete six elective courses in Anthropology, which are selected in consultation with their advisor and which normally cover a coherent area of specialization within the field. All course work must be completed before a student is advanced to candidacy. Students must demonstrate competence to read one foreign language, in accordance with the requirements of the Ph.D. in Anthropology. At the end of the first year, students must pass a formal evaluation which is made by the Department on the basis of the first-year course work and examinations to be taken as part of the Proseminar. Students should advance to candidacy by the end of the third year; the advancement to candidacy examination is based on a research proposal, a review of relevant literature, and an annotated bibliography. The fourth (and, in many cases, some or all of the fifth) year is normally devoted to extended anthropological fieldwork. The sixth year (in some cases, also part of the fifth) is devoted to writing the dissertation, in close consultation with the advisor. The normative time for completion of the Ph.D. is seven years, and the maximum time permitted is eight years.</p>

Research Facilities	<p>The Department is distinctive in its exclusive emphasis on sociocultural anthropology; its tightly-focused theoretical and methodological training; its wide network of interdisciplinary collaborations; and its emphasis on the study of contemporary issues and modern problems. The PhD program includes a year-long Proseminar sequence in the history of anthropological theory as well as contemporary movements in theory. The Program also emphasizes rigorous training in a range of research methods (including quantitative, qualitative, archival, hermeneutic, and visual/filmic). Faculty have active research programs on five continents and three island regions. The Department has strong research links with and/or faculty associates from the College of Medicine, the Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences, the Paul Merage School of Business, and the Schools of Humanities and Social Ecology. PhD students can pursue graduate emphases in Critical Theory, Feminist Studies, Visual Studies, and other interdisciplinary programs. Faculty are actively involved in the Center for Ethnography, a campus-based interdisciplinary initiative for methodological innovation and theoretical reflection on the discipline's core methods. Faculty are also actively involved in a number of other campus-based centers, including the Center for Asian Studies, the Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies, the Critical Theory Institute, the Center in Law, Society and Culture, and the Center for Research on Latinos in a Global Society. Based on a commitment to detailed ethnographic research grounded in rigorous theoretical and methodological innovation, the faculty do not merely pursue research on the traditional subjects of anthropological study, but push the boundaries of the field toward new objects and subjects of inquiry and bring anthropological analysis to bear on pressing social issues.</p>
Support Opportunities	<p>Sixty-three (63) students total received merit-based financial support during academic year 2017-18. Thirty-two (32) students were supported as Teaching Assistants, with appointments of at least one quarter each. Fifty-four (54) held fellowship awards: 30 extramural fellowships; 19 Social Science Fees Fellowship; 2 Social Science Merit Fellowship; 2 Social Science Associate Dean's Fellowship; and 1 internal campus fellowship. Seven (7) students were supported with Graduate Student Researcher (GSR) appointments of at least one quarter each.</p>
Library Resources	
Internships Available	
Internship Info	
Internship Required	
Publications	<p>https://www.anthropology.uci.edu/research.php</p>
Collections	
Grants Or Funding	
Misc Information	
Phd Specializations	
Certs Offered	

Statistical Information

2020-21	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	6
	Number of Male Grad Students	30
	Number of Female Grad Students	53
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	6
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	117
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	43
	Number of New Grad Students	8
	Number Of Total Grad Students	83
	Number Of Total Undergrad Students	160
	BA/BS Degrees Granted Total	78
	PHD Degrees Granted Total	12
2018-19	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	4
	Number of Male Grad Students	22
	Number of Female Grad Students	43
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	6
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	27
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	5
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	53
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	71
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	161
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	86
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	2
	Number of New Grad Students	10
2016-17	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	5
	Number of Male Grad Students	22
	Number of Female Grad Students	41
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	6
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	22
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	3
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	66
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	100
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	67
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	22
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	4
	Number of New Grad Students	13

2015-16	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	5
	Number of Male Grad Students	26
	Number of Female Grad Students	39
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	4
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	23
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	4
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	68
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	100
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	218
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	93
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	3
	Number of New Grad Students	12
	2014-15	PHD Degrees Granted To Females
Number of Male Grad Students		30
Number of Female Grad Students		28
PHD Degrees Granted To Males		5
BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males		38
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females		1
BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		60
Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding		100
AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		0
AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males		0
Number of Female Undergrad Students		239
Number of Male Undergrad Students		115
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males		2
Number of New Grad Students		11
2013-14		PHD Degrees Granted To Females
	Number of Male Grad Students	26
	Number of Female Grad Students	30
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	1
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	38
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	6
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	62
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	100
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	235
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	123
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	3
	Number of New Grad Students	11

2012-13	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	3
	Number of Male Grad Students	19
	Number of Female Grad Students	31
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	2
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	30
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	1
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	87
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	100
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	222
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	105
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	3
	Number of New Grad Students	9
	2011-12	PHD Degrees Granted To Females
Number of Male Grad Students		6
Number of Female Grad Students		6
PHD Degrees Granted To Males		2
BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males		41
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females		1
BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		96
Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding		100
AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		0
AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males		0
Number of Female Undergrad Students		250
Number of Male Undergrad Students		91
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males		3
Number of New Grad Students		12
2010-11		PHD Degrees Granted To Females
	Number of Male Grad Students	18
	Number of Female Grad Students	28
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	1
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	30
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	5
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	74
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	100
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	174
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	72
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	2
	Number of New Grad Students	9

Program Contacts

Name	Phone	Email	Interest/Specialty Areas	Geographic Area(s) of Expertise	Geographic Areas of Expertise International
George Marcus		gmarcus@uci.edu			East Asia and the Pacific, Europe / Eurasia
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Bill Maurer		wmmaurer@uci.edu	Law, political economy, anthropology of money and finance, payment systems and technologies, mobile communications, social implications of computational systems, artificial intelligence and law, kinship and gender	Caribbean	Western Hemisphere
Angela Jenks		ajenks@uci.edu	Medical anthropology, race, ethnicity, and the politics of difference, social studies of science and knowledge, urban ethnography	United States	Western Hemisphere
Anneeth Hundle			Sikh studies, african and south asian diaspora/studies; africana studies; afro-asianism; race citizenship decolonization and global migration; minoritization and community politics, transnational feminisms; gender and sexuality; critical university studies; uganda, east africa, global south		
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Sherine Hamdy		shamdy@uci.edu	Medical anthropology, gender/sexuality studies, reproduction, comics and ethnography, Muslim experiences	Middle East, Egypt	Egypt,Middle East and North Africa
Sylvia Nam		sylvia.nam@uci.edu	Urban studies (especially urban planning), real estate and construction, transitioning economies	Cambodia, Korea	Cambodia,East Asia and the Pacific,North Korea,South Korea
Tom Boellstorff		tboellst@uci.edu	Digital culture, disability, globalization, HIV/AIDS, Indonesia, language, mass media, nationalism, postcoloniality, queer studies, Southeast Asia, video games, virtual worlds		
Valerie Olson			Environmental anthropology, medical anthropology, social and cultural studies of science and technology, extreme environments, envirotechnical systems, ecologies	US, Europe, Mexico	Europe / Eurasia,Mexico,Western Hemisphere
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Sheila O'Rourke		sorourke@uci.edu	Power, gender, masculinity, sexuality, identity, subjectivity; popular culture, expressive culture, performance, media, representation, consumerism, nationalism, the state, Islam, globalization	Turkey, Middle East, US, California	East Asia and the Pacific,Middle East and North Africa,Turkey,Western Hemisphere
Thomas Douglas		tjdougl@uci.edu	Cambodian refugees in Long Beach, CA and Seattle, WA; religion and immigration, religious identity, multisite ethnography		
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Lee Cabatigan		lcabatin@uci.edu	Anthropology of law and legal institutions; nation, state, and region formation; sovereignty; property and disaster recovery; socialism and late-socialism; postcolonial studies; Caribbean (esp. Cuba and the Anglophone Caribbean)		
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Karen Leonard		kbleonar@uci.edu	Social history, anthropology of South Asia, South Asian Americans, Muslim Americans, Asian-American migration and identity, multisite ethnography		
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