

University of California, Merced, Anthropology & Heritage Studies Department

Program Information

Program Name	University of California, Merced, Anthropology & Heritage Studies Department
General Description / Special Programs	The Anthropology program integrates traditional sub-fields of anthropological practice and forges interdisciplinary partnerships across diverse disciplines within the social sciences, humanities, and arts. Four primary cross-field teaching and research themes of faculty include: (1) indigeneity, race, ethnicity, and the nation-state; (2) transnationalism, migration, and demography; (3) health, nutrition, and the environment; and (4) heritage, tourism, and public culture. Both undergraduate and graduate students are involved in faculty research. The Heritage Studies minor focuses on the natural heritage and cultural legacy of the human past, and how it is reflected today in places, landscapes, and intangible aspects of our cultures, including traditions, oral histories, song, music, dance, drama, skills, cuisine, crafts, and festivals. This program offers coursework and applied labs in studying and mapping monuments, buildings, and in managing cultural and natural heritage sites and landscapes using remote sensing, 3D visualization technologies, geographic information systems, and digital data curation. Students may minor in Heritage Studies to strengthen their skills in the documentation, analysis, interpretation, visualization, and management of heritage places and resources with an emphasis in either cultural and/or natural attributes.
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Program Details

Degrees Offered	Interdisciplinary Humanities MA/PhD; Anthropology BA major/minor; World Heritage minor
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
BA/ BS Requirements	Lower division prerequisites in sociocultural, archaeological, and biological anthropology; lower division quantitative methods; upper division history and practice, field methods, laboratory or archival methods, and writing course; 24 additional upper division units, including one course in each subfield.
Experience Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Work • Internship
MA/ MS Requirements	MA Theory and methods, pedagogy, research methods, readings in IH in two fields (Past Worlds, Social and Spatial Dynamics, Expressive and Imaginative Works), electives; Thesis option: 1 year residency, 42 units, thesis; Non-thesis option: 1 year residency, 50 units, comprehensive exam
MA/MS Specializations	
Phd Requirements	Theory and methods, study plan design, pedagogy, research methods, readings in IH in two fields (Past Worlds, Social and Spatial Dynamics, Expressive and Imaginative Works), electives; 54 units; research paper, language exam, comprehensive exam, dissertation
Research Facilities	<p>Archaeological Research Labs, Spatial Analysis and Research Center</p>
Support Opportunities	<p>Graduate teaching assistantships and small research grants within the Interdisciplinary Humanities graduate group; campus-wide and University of California-wide merit-based funding</p>
Library Resources	Kolligian Library
Internships Available	
Internship Info	
Internship Required	
Publications	
Collections	
Grants Or Funding	
Misc Information	
Phd Specializations	
Certs Offered	

Program Contacts

Name	Phone	Email	Interest/Specialty Areas	Geographic Areas of Expertise United States	Geographic Areas of Expertise International
Mark Aldenderfer		maldenderfer@ucmerced.edu	Archaeology, comparative analysis of high altitude cultural and biological adaptations, archaeology of Buddhism, archaeology of religion, scientific visualization, archaeological analysis of foraging societies	Central Asia, Tibet, Himalayan arc, Archaic/Preceramic Andes, south-central Andes	South and Central Asia, Western Hemisphere
Jayson Beaster-Jones		jbeaster-jones@ucmerced.edu	Ethnomusicology, semiotics, anthropological linguistics, commodification of music, music industries, intellectual property, Indian musics and Bollywood film songs, jazz and improvisatory musics, music and multimedia	India	India, South and Central Asia
Nancy Burke		nburke2@ucmerced.edu	Medical anthropology, cancer and health disparities in the US, chronic disease management in the context of global health	US	Western Hemisphere
Robin DeLugan		rdelugan@ucmerced.edu	Sociocultural anthropology, political anthropology, collective identity, nation building, migration and transnationalism, social memory, indigeneity, community engaged scholarship	El Salvador, Dominican Republic, Spain, and California.	El Salvador, Western Hemisphere
Kathleen Hull		khull3@ucmerced.edu	Archaeology, colonialism, ritual, community formation, ethnogenesis, and demography of small-scale societies, lithics	California, Mountain, Southwest	Western Hemisphere
Nicola Lercari		nlercari@ucmerced.edu	Heritage studies; digital heritage; digital archaeology; humans and the built environment; ethics and community-engagement; remote sensing; museums and the public; visualization.	Mexico, California	Mexico, Western Hemisphere
Holley Moyes		hmoyes@ucmerced.edu	Archaeology, religion, cave studies, methods, complex society	Mesoamerica	Western Hemisphere
Linda-Anne Rebhun		lrebhun@ucmerced.edu	Medical anthropology, maternal and child health, economic development, social change, globalization, gender, sexuality, religion, emotion	Latin America, African diaspora, Nigeria	Nigeria, Sub-Saharan Africa
Karl Ryavec		kryavec@ucmerced.edu	Heritage studies, historical GIS, geography of religion, economic history	Inner Asia, China	
Beth Scaffidi		cscaffidi@ucmerced.edu	Bioarchaeology, archaeology, stable and radiogenic isotope analysis, paleodiet, paleomobility, paleopathology, GIS and spatial analysis, violence and trophy-taking	South America (Andes)	
Daniel Thompson			Sociocultural anthropology; urban political economy, borderlands, state-building, capitalism and finance, forced migration, race and ethnicity, mixed-methods research, cartography, GIS	Ethiopia, eastern and southern Africa, African diaspora	Sub-Saharan Africa
Christina Torres		ctorres-rouff@ucmerced.edu	Biological anthropology, bioarchaeology, violence, cultural modifications of the body, identity	Andean South America	Middle East and North Africa, Western Hemisphere

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Stephen Wooding		swooding@ucmerced.edu	Biological anthropology, evolutionary genetics, taste perception		
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