

Cornell University, Department of Anthropology

Program Information

Program Name	Cornell University, Department of Anthropology
General Description / Special Programs	<p>The department's strengths are reinforced by the Cornell programs in which they participate, including the East Asia Program, South Asia Program, Southeast Asia Program, Latin American Studies Program, Institute for European Studies, Asian American Studies Program, American Indian and Indigenous Studies Program, Latino Studies Program, Jewish Studies Program, Africana Studies and Research Center, Cornell Institute for Public Affairs, Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future, and Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program. Anthropologists also participate in the Cornell Institute of Archaeology and Material Studies, which coordinates the teaching and research of faculty drawn from a number of fields in the University; the institute offers an undergraduate major and masters degree in archaeology and doctoral degrees through the participating fields, including anthropology. The graduate program in anthropology at Cornell University is unusually flexible in that each student's program is administered by a Special Committee composed of a chair representing the major in anthropology and 2 additional members representing the minors of the student's choice. Each student's program of study is developed by the student in consultation with the members of his/her committee who may represent as many as 3 different fields within the Graduate School. This flexibility permits students to develop either interdisciplinary or area interests and to combine these in a personally meaningful way. Of some 80 fields of graduate work offered at Cornell, anthropology students have minored in linguistics, development sociology, physiology, history, mathematics, ecology, psychology, and various area studies, among others. Linguistic training is offered through the Department of Linguistics. Training in skills relevant to human biology can be obtained within the Department of Anthropology or in the Division of Biological Sciences.</p>
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Program Details

Degrees Offered	PhD, MA, BA
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	<p>The Cornell major is structured to provide both general grounding in three subfields of anthropology (sociocultural anthropology, archaeology, and biological anthropology) and detailed focus on a particular area of concentration. Areas of concentration include a wide variety of subjects within and between these three subfields. Topics ranging from identity politics and globalization to prehistory and human evolution can be pursued in classes focused on every major geographical region in the world. Upper level courses span a range of topical and theoretical issues related to religion, gender, economics, colonialism, democratization, prehistoric cultures, race, behavioral evolution, and conservation, to name a few. No prerequisites are required to enter the anthropology major. Students see the director of undergraduate studies to apply to the major and obtain an advisor. Majors and advisors collaboratively build a program of study that reflects the student's individual interests and the intellectual breadth of the field. Our goal is to provide a close and supportive advising relationship and a strong and coherent structure for the student's major. A minimum of 37 credits are necessary to complete the major. Students must take: 1) one course of 3 or more credits in each of the three subfields (sociocultural, archaeological, biological) at the 1000 or 2000 level, 2) ANTHR 3000: Intro to Anthropological Theory, 3) two other courses of at least 4 credits at the 3000 level, 4) two 4000-level courses, 5) an additional eight credits in elective courses, which may be in cognate disciplines with the approval of their advisor. Exceptions to these requirements may be granted if a written petition is approved by the director of undergraduate studies. No S/U credits or First-Year Writing Seminars may count toward the major. A letter grade of C- or better is required in all courses counted toward the major.</p>
MA/MS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology
MA/ MS Requirements	
MA/MS Specializations	
PhD Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology
Phd Requirements	6 units of residence (ordinarily 6 semesters), minimum of 1 language other than English (Special Committee may set additional requirements), oral and written examinations (Qualifying, Admission to Candidacy, Final Thesis), fieldwork required in most cases 134
Research Facilities	
Support Opportunities	
Library Resources	
Internships Available	
Internship Info	
Internship Required	
Publications	
Collections	<p>Approx 20,000 archaeological and ethnographic items ranging from the Lower Paleolithic to the present, notably including Ndembu masks and costumes collected by Victor and Edith Turner; archaeological artifacts from Marajó Island, Brazil, excavated in the mid-19th century; Yir Yorront pieces from Australia and Hmong and Akka clothing from Thailand, collected by Lauriston Sharp; artifacts from Bob Ascher's excavation of a slave cabin in Georgia; pieces from the Philippines collected in the early 20th century; and a diverse collection for teaching.</p>

Grants Or Funding	
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Phd Specializations	
Certs Offered	

Statistical Information

2021-22	Number of New Grad Students	6
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	6
	Number of Male Grad Students	24
	Number of Female Grad Students	29
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	5
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	2
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	7
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	18
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	3
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	100
	Number Of Total Grad Students	52
	Number Of Total Undergrad Students	23
	BA/BS Degrees Granted Total	9
	PHD Degrees Granted Total	9
	2018-19	Number of New Grad Students
BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		7
Number of Male Grad Students		20
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males		2
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females		3
Number of Female Grad Students		30
AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		0
AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males		0
Number of Male Undergrad Students		4
PHD Degrees Granted To Males		1
PHD Degrees Granted To Females		3
Number of Female Undergrad Students		14
BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males		3
Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding		100

2017-18	Number of New Grad Students	16
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	11
	Number of Male Grad Students	5
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	2
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	5
	Number of Female Grad Students	11
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	3
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	2
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	3
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	20
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	3
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	100
	2016-17	Number of New Grad Students
BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		6
Number of Male Grad Students		19
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males		1
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females		7
Number of Female Grad Students		38
AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		0
AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males		0
Number of Male Undergrad Students		10
PHD Degrees Granted To Males		1
PHD Degrees Granted To Females		0
Number of Female Undergrad Students		17
BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males		4
Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding		100
2015-16		Number of New Grad Students
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	7
	Number of Male Grad Students	34
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	1
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	7
	Number of Female Grad Students	18
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	11
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	1
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	5
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	17
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	1
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	100

2014-15	Number of New Grad Students	7
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	13
	Number of Male Grad Students	19
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	2
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	9
	Number of Female Grad Students	38
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	4
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	2
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	5
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	21
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	4
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	100
	2013-14	Number of New Grad Students
BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		14
Number of Male Grad Students		26
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males		2
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females		7
Number of Female Grad Students		48
AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		0
AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males		0
Number of Male Undergrad Students		6
PHD Degrees Granted To Males		4
PHD Degrees Granted To Females		3
Number of Female Undergrad Students		30
BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males		5
Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding		100
2012-13		Number of New Grad Students
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	15
	Number of Male Grad Students	22
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	0
	Number of Female Grad Students	47
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	11
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	2
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	1
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	42
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	5
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	100

2011-12	Number of New Grad Students	6
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	15
	Number of Male Grad Students	21
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	0
	Number of Female Grad Students	44
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	11
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	3
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	4
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	42
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	5
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	100
	2010-11	Number of New Grad Students
BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		11
Number of Male Grad Students		20
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males		2
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females		10
Number of Female Grad Students		45
Number of Male Undergrad Students		9
PHD Degrees Granted To Males		0
PHD Degrees Granted To Females		3
Number of Female Undergrad Students		34
BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males		2
Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding		100

Program Contacts

Name	Phone	Email	Interest/Specialty Areas	Geographic Areas of Expertise United States	Geographic Areas of Expertise International
Chloe Ahmann		chloeahmann@cornell.edu	Environmental anthropology, political anthropology, science and technology studies, industrialism, climate change, time and temporality, urban history	United States	
Adam Arcadi		apc13@cornell.edu	Chimpanzee social behavior, primate behavioral ecology, conservation, hominid evolution		
Daniel Bass		dmb46@cornell.edu	Ethnicity, citizenship, diaspora, religion, politics, labor, plantations, trade unions, popular culture	Sri Lanka, India, South Asian diaspora	India, South and Central Asia, Sri Lanka
Amiel Bize		abm252@cornell.edu	Economic Anthropology, Science and Technology Studies, Value, Capitalism, Margins, Risk and Insurance		
Jonathan Boyarin		jboyarin@cornell.edu	Jews, diasporas, politics of memory, ethnography of reading, critical theory, law	US, Europe, Middle East	Europe / Eurasia, Middle East and North Africa, Western Hemisphere
Jane Fajans		jf20@cornell.edu	Sociocultural anthropology, food, identity, ritual and symbolic forms, socialization and life cycle, gender studies, person and emotion, anthropology of work	Oceania, Brazil	Brazil, East Asia and the Pacific, Western Hemisphere
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Kurt Jordan		kj21@cornell.edu	Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) archaeology and history, historical archaeology, political economy, colonialism, indigenous autonomy, cultural entanglement, shell bead wampum, red pipestone/slate	North America	Western Hemisphere

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Stacey Langwick		langwick@cornell.edu	Anthropology of medicine, healing, and the body, African ethnography, postcolonial science studies, anthropology of knowledge and materiality, ontological politics, entanglements of medicine, science, capital, intellectual property, cultural theory	Africa, especially Tanzania	Sub-Saharan Africa, Tanzania
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Viranjini Munasinghe		vpm1@cornell.edu	Sociocultural anthropology, race, ethnicity, nationalism, Asian diaspora in the New World, Asian American studies, ethnic/postcolonial studies, historical anthropology	Caribbean	Western Hemisphere
Paul Nadasdy		pn79@cornell.edu	Anthropology of knowledge, environmental anthropology, indigenous-state relations, ethnography of the state, political economy, politics of hunting, wildlife management	circumpolar North, Canada	Canada, Western Hemisphere
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Yohko Tsuji		yt33@cornell.edu	Sociocultural anthropology, psychological anthropology, family, aging, death and dying, mortuary rituals, conception of time, social change	US, Japan, Thailand	East Asia and the Pacific, Japan, Thailand, Western Hemisphere

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Thomas Volman		tpv1@cornell.edu	Stone Age archaeology, human origins	Africa	Sub-Saharan Africa
Marina Welker		mwelker@cornell.edu	Anthropology of capitalism, corporations, mining, development, tobacco industry	Southeast Asia, Indonesia, US	East Asia and the Pacific, Indonesia, Western Hemisphere
Andrew Willford		acw24@cornell.edu	Sociocultural anthropology, ethnicity, religion, nationalism, globalization, ethnopsychiatry, clinical neurology	Malaysia, India, Southeast Asia, US	East Asia and the Pacific, India, Malaysia, South and Central Asia, Western Hemisphere

