## Program Information

**Program Name**  
Temple University, Department of Anthropology

Temple University’s Department of Anthropology offers programs of study at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

Our undergraduate curriculum is organized according to two thematic areas of concentration that have both historical and contemporary relevance in the discipline of anthropology: Evolution and Human Environments and Mobility and Global Inequality. These two areas of thematic concentration offer students the tools they need to work and thrive in an increasingly multicultural and multilingual globalized world. We offer courses in the four subfields of anthropology (archaeology, biological anthropology, linguistic anthropology, and sociocultural anthropology), with a focus on how humans make sense and meaning of their worlds, in the present and throughout time.

The Graduate Programs in Anthropology provide students with training that integrates the four traditional subfields of the discipline and organizes their engagement with anthropology around two thematic areas. The first, Mobility and Global Inequality, emphasizes social processes and institutions that underlie the impact of peoples’ movement and the experiences they encounter in terms of social inequalities, resource distribution and power inequities. It is marked by the emphasis on ethnographic, linguistic, and visual data and analytical methods grounded in contemporary theory in the social sciences. The second thematic area, Evolution and Human Environments emphasizes the origins and development of all forms of human adaptations in the biosocial realm. It is marked by an emphasis on ecological, geographic and spatial-historical data, and quantitative analyses grounded in evolutionary theory. All students in the program complete a set of core courses, which include foundational courses in the thematic areas and history of the discipline. Additional core courses provide professional training in ethics and grant writing in the discipline. Students complete elective courses allowing them to specialize in the literature, theory, and unique sub-disciplinary perspectives most relevant to their intended career goals or dissertation research. Faculty from the subfields of Pre-historic and Historic Archaeology, Bioarchaeology, Biological Anthropology, Sociocultural Anthropology, Linguistic Anthropology, Visual Anthropology and Medical Anthropology contribute to the program.

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**Program Details**

### Degrees Offered

Anthropology PhD, MA, BA Major and Minors

### Tuition Information

Please consult the Temple University website, [https://bursar.temple.edu/](https://bursar.temple.edu/)

### Highest Degree Offered

PhD

Cross-disciplinary Undergraduate and Graduate Certificates are Offered. Undergraduate Certificate in Language and Cross Cultural Communication: This certificate is designed to provide students with the anthropological and linguistic tools to understand and study the sociocultural foundations of language use and communication, including both forms of everyday and institutional communication. This program fits well with the current institutional mission of Temple University to prepare students to work and thrive in an increasingly globalized world where language-related expertise, particularly cross-linguistic and cross-cultural knowledge, is a highly desirable skill. This program is also congruent with professional trends in language-related disciplines that currently emphasize programs that provide students with the sociolinguistic and cultural knowledge needed to solve language-related problems in the real world.

Graduate Certificate in Documentary Arts and Ethnographic Research: The DAER program’s philosophy is to promote a broad and critical use of diverse media tools in the study and representation of culture(s). Program topics include: the theories, methods, aesthetics, and ethics of documentary research and visual representation; the relationships between artistic, humanistic, and scientific visual research methods; the collaborative use of visual media in indigenous, diaspora, and non-Western communities; critical understanding of the use of new media in documentary contexts, such as mobile media; and the political economy that shapes how images are made, distributed, and used worldwide. [https://tfma.temple.edu/node/571](https://tfma.temple.edu/node/571). Graduate Certificate in Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies: Students in the Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies (GSWS) graduate certificate program acquire and develop methodological and theoretical expertise in the interdisciplinary field of Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies. The certificate can be pursued by graduate students already enrolled in a Temple University graduate degree program. They complete the certificate requirement while simultaneously fulfilling the graduate requirements for their degree-granting department. [https://www.cla.temple.edu/gender-sexuality-and-womens-studies/](https://www.cla.temple.edu/gender-sexuality-and-womens-studies/)

Certificate in Cultural Analytics: This graduate certificate in Cultural Analytics trains students in humanistic and non-scientific fields how to use computational methods to analyze cultural objects and produce digital media. We work together to train graduate students how to use computational methods to study images, books, objects, and other cultural products. The certificate program prepares students for advanced research in their discipline by allowing them to specialize in the specific skills that are most relevant to their research. It encourages participants to work within one of the following focal areas: data visualization, mapping and geographic information systems, basic programming, research design and analysis, statistics, social media research, text encoding and analysis, virtual environments. The certificate enhances preparation for academic and non-academic careers. [https://library.temple.edu/categories/cultural-analytics-certificate-program](https://library.temple.edu/categories/cultural-analytics-certificate-program)

### Other Degree Requirements

#### AA/AS Requirements

- Anthropology

#### BA/BS Field Areas

- Anthropology

#### BA/BS Requirements

The undergraduate major in anthropology requires a minimum of 12 courses (36-42 credits). The minor in Anthropology requires a minimum of 6 courses (18-19 credits); the minor in Biomedical Anthropology requires a minimum of 6 courses (19-20 credits); the minor in Visual Anthropology requires a minimum of 6 courses (18-19 credits).

#### MA/MS Field Areas

- Anthropology

#### Experience Offered

- Conferences
- Fellowships/Grants
- Field Work

#### MA/MS Requirements

The MA program requires a minimum of 30 Credits. Students must also pass a Comprehensive Exam at the completion of their coursework. There is no thesis requirement or option.

#### MA/MS Specializations

- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Biological Anthropology
- Cultural Anthropology
- Linguistic Anthropology

#### PhD Field Areas

- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Biological Anthropology
- Cultural Anthropology
- Linguistic Anthropology
## PhD Requirements

The PhD degree requires a minimum of 43 didactic credits and 6 non-didactic, research credits. Students must pass a Comprehensive Exam at the completion of their coursework, demonstrate reading proficiency in a language other than English, and may be required to demonstrate proficiency in a relevant technical skill or skills. Other requirements include doctoral-qualifying examinations (both written and oral) in three areas; a written doctoral-dissertation research proposal; field-based or laboratory-based doctoral-dissertation research; a doctoral dissertation; and a dissertation defense.

## Research Facilities

The Temple Anthropology Laboratory and Museum also has wet laboratory facilities for processing archaeological material, large workspaces for collections research, and comparative collections for Mid-Atlantic archaeology. Additional research and teaching laboratories within the department are devoted to the analysis of archaeological, biological, ethnographic, linguistic, and visual data.

## Support Opportunities

Four-year university fellowships are available to highly-qualified applicants to the doctoral program; these fellowships provide a stipend, full tuition remission, health insurance, and other benefits. Financial support in the form of teaching assistantships is also available; these assistantships provide a stipend, full tuition remission, health insurance, and other benefits. Future Faculty Assistantships, for underrepresented minorities, Summer Research Awards, Dissertation Completion Grants and extra-department awards are also offered.

## Library Resources

Internships Available

Internship Info

Internship Required

Publications

Collections

The Temple Anthropology Laboratory and Museum houses a global collection of archaeological, ethnographic, and biological-anthropological material, with particular strengths in Mid-Atlantic archaeology, South Pacific ethnography, South and Central American ethnography and ceramics, and a large hominid comparative collection.

Grants Or Funding

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PhD Specializations

Certs Offered
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