

Sonoma State University, Department of Anthropology

Program Information	
Program Name	Sonoma State University, Department of Anthropology
General Description / Special Programs	<p>The anthropology major at Sonoma State University teaches students about many different cultures throughout the world, how they developed, the significance of their differences, and how they change over time. Students develop a set of skills for applying broad, integrative perspectives to themselves and others. Through training in anthropology, students also acquire the ability to formulate theoretical and practical questions regarding human life, collect and organize data on many levels of human biology and behavior, and construct appropriate interpretations and generalizations based on well thought-out procedures. The combination of knowledge about human ways of life and training in analytical skills are crucial to any field dealing with human society and culture. This perspective is invaluable in preparing students for careers in research professions or in a wide range of professional fields, including cultural resources management, environmental planning, teaching, public health administration, business, public relations, law, community development, and international service.</p> <p>The B.A. in anthropology at Sonoma State University provides a balanced grounding in the theoretical approaches and body of knowledge central to the discipline of anthropology. It is designed to give students a well-rounded background in the four subfields of anthropology (biological, cultural, archaeological, and linguistic anthropology) as well as in the application of anthropological methods. The anthropology program also combines well with majors and minors in many other departments and programs. The minor in anthropology recognizes basic training in anthropology as a complement to a major in other subjects. Faculty advisors in the anthropology department can help students plan a course of study that takes advantage of this multidisciplinary strategy.</p> <p>Our department also offers a 30-unit master of arts degree in cultural resources management. Cultural resources management is an applied, professional subfield of anthropology that involves the identification, evaluation, and preservation of cultural resources within legal and planning contexts. The primary objectives of the master's program is to produce professionals competent in research design and data collection and analysis, as well as the legal mandates of CRM. Program graduates work as historic preservation specialists, environmental planners, and archaeologists for government agencies and as private consultants.</p>
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Program Details

Degrees Offered	Cultural Resources Management MA; Anthropology BA, minor; Human Development BA
Tuition Information	
Highest Degree Offered	MA/MS
Certificate Info	
Other Degree Requirements	
Certificates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRM
AA/ AS Requirements	
BA/BS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology
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MA/MS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied Anthropology
Experience Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellowships/Grants • Internship
MA/ MS Requirements	
MA/MS Specializations	
Phd Requirements	
Research Facilities	The department provides students with opportunities for field training, internships and extensive interdisciplinary research; graduate program in Cultural Resources Management (see the Anthropological Studies Center and the Northwest Information Center at asc.sonoma.edu and nwic.sonoma.edu).
Support Opportunities	The department offers graduate students the Adrian Praetzellis Scholarship in Cultural Resources Management and the David Fredrickson Research Grant (each \$500-1500/year depending on available funds). Students conducting primate behavior research can apply for a Marcia K. Brown Memorial Primatology Scholarship.
Library Resources	
Internships Available	
Internship Info	
Internship Required	
Publications	
Collections	
Grants Or Funding	We are able to offer graduate students two half-tuition waivers per year. The two students who receive these waivers are also paid for five hours of work per week as a Graduate Assistant, either helping with an undergraduate course or with faculty research. Graduate students are eligible for many merit-based SSU scholarships, which range from \$500-\$5000. The ASC also offers the ASC Scholarship in CRM and the David Fredrickson Research Grant (each \$500-1500/year depending on available funds). For more information, visit ASC Scholarships and Research Grants. Visit the SSU Scholarship Office webpage to apply (deadline: February 1). Note: prospective students are also invited to apply for SSU scholarships. The only requirement is to have already applied to the University via CSUMentor. Awardees will be notified by May 1. By filling out a FAFSA, students can qualify (depending on demonstrated need) for a State University Grant, which would cover most tuition costs. We do not have an admissions preference for in-state or out-of-state students. Visit the Financial Aid Office for general information about financial aid via SSU. Many students work part-time for the Anthropological Studies Center and/or Northwest Information Center at some point during their studies. In recent years, ASC has paid up to \$160,000 annually in wages to students working on grant and contract projects. Students can also apply for travel grants from the ASC and the School of Social Sciences to attend and present papers at professional meetings. Paid internships (e.g., with the National Park Service) are another source of income for students. We also attempt to connect students with external scholarship opportunities, e.g., from the Sacramento Archaeological Society, Society for California Archaeology, etc.

Misc Information	
Phd Specializations	
Certs Offered	

Statistical Information

2014-15	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	5
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Male Grad Students	14
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	16
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	74
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	2
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	0
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	0
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	22
	Number of New Grad Students	11
	Number of Female Grad Students	18
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	4
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	2013-14	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females
PHD Degrees Granted To Males		0
Number of Male Grad Students		13
Number of Male Undergrad Students		23
Number of Female Undergrad Students		75
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males		2
AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males		0
Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding		0
PHD Degrees Granted To Females		0
BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		28
Number of New Grad Students		4
Number of Female Grad Students		14
BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males		12
AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		0

Program Contacts

Name	Phone	Email	Interest/Specialty Areas	Geographic Area(s) of Expertise	Geographic Areas of Expertise International
Alexis Boutin		alexis.boutin@sonoma.edu	Bioarchaeology, human skeletal biology, mortuary and gender archaeology	Ancient Near East, Gulf, Eastern Mediterranean	Europe / Eurasia, Middle East and North Africa
Benjamin Smith		benjamin.smith@sonoma.edu	Linguistic and cultural anthropology, human development, language socialization, new media, therapeutic discourse	Andes, US	Western Hemisphere
John Wingard		wingard@sonoma.edu	Environmental anthropology, resource management, applied anthropology, ethnographic methods, archaeology, tourism, climate change, globalization; Mesoamerica and the Pacific (PhD Pennsylvania State U 1992)	Mesoamerica, Oceania, North America	East Asia and the Pacific, Western Hemisphere
Karin Jaffe		karin.jaffe@sonoma.edu	Biological anthropology, primatology, applied ethology, primate behavioral ecology, human evolutionary biology		
Richard Senghas		richard.senghas@sonoma.edu	Linguistic anthropology, linguistics of signed and spoken languages, social anthropology, Deaf studies	Nicaragua, North America	Western Hemisphere
Thomas Whitley		thomas.whitley@sonoma.edu	GIS, remote sensing, and spatial analysis, contact and colonization, industrial archaeology, cultural resource management, California prehistory	North America, Europe, Australia	Australia, East Asia and the Pacific, Europe / Eurasia, Western Hemisphere
Carlos Torres		carlos.torres@sonoma.edu	Media and visual anthropology, particularly citizen and participant media; Contemporary Maya society in Chiapas, Mexico, and Neozapatismo; Restorative rituals and walking pilgrimages; Pyrenees area including Euskadi and Catalan; social activism and public anthropology	Mexico in and around Chiapas including Northern Guatemala; Pyrenees of Spain. Northern California Native American groups.	Europe / Eurasia, France, Guatemala, Mexico, Spain, United States of America, Western Hemisphere

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Margaret Purser		margaret.purser@sonoma.edu	Historical archaeology, gender studies, archaeological theory, material culture studies	Western US, Pacific	East Asia and the Pacific, Western Hemisphere
Adrian Praetzelis			Archaeology, cultural resource management		
R Rosin		rosinr@sonoma.edu	Social Anthropology, cognition and computation, ethno-hydrology, Peasant Activist, Land Reform, India Independence in Princely States	South Asia, Rajputana/Rajasthan	
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