



Program Information

Program Name	University of Missouri, Department of Anthropology
General Description / Special Programs	The department of anthropology at MU is a leader in evolutionary anthropology, with an integrative program in Human Adaptation, Ecology, & Evolution. Core areas include demography, ecological and environmental anthropology, ethnobiology, evolutionary archaeology, archaeometry, human behavioral ecology, genetics, human variation, and biomedical anthropology. Cross-cutting research links include cooperation and conflict, epidemiology, evolution of culture and intelligence, human interactions with plants and animals, life history and child development, religion, and hominid evolution. Our department has strong interdisciplinary ties with the MU Departments of Biological Sciences, the MU Research Reactor, MU School of Health-Related Professions, the College of Engineering and the MU Medical School. The graduate program provides rigorous coursework in combination with hands-on field and laboratory research experience. All degree programs emphasize a scientific approach with emphasis on ecology and evolutionary theory.
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Program Details

Degrees Offered	Anthropology PhD, MA, BA
Tuition Information	
Highest Degree Offered	PhD
Certificate Info	
Other Degree Requirements	
Associates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Archaeology • Biological Anthropology • Cultural Anthropology
AA/ AS Requirements	
BA/BS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Archaeology • Biological Anthropology • Cultural Anthropology
BA/ BS Requirements	<p>Requirements include 30 hours of anthropology coursework in addition to general education requirements specified by the University. Anthropology majors are required to take core courses in all three focal areas of the discipline (archaeology, biological anthropology, and cultural anthropology) as well as the Capstone Seminar in Anthropology. Three tracks are available for remaining courses: Culture & Human Ecology, Archaeology & Heritage, and Health & Human Biology. Honors BA: Minimum GPA requirements exist for acceptance into the honors program in anthropology. In addition, a student must fulfill the basic course requirements of the regular major plus conduct research on an independent project, submit the results in a formal honors thesis, and defend it in an oral exam.</p>
MA/MS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Archaeology • Biological Anthropology • Cultural Anthropology
Experience Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conferences • Fellowships/Grants • Field Work
MA/ MS Requirements	<p>Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours beyond the Bachelor of Arts degree. At least 9 of the required hours must be 8000-level anthropology courses and seminars, and must include at least one content course. All students must complete a 3-course core sequence. Students lacking a basic course in statistics are required to take at least one course, preferably during the first year of graduate work. A thesis is required for terminal MA degrees. Graduate students pursuing a PhD at MU with MA degree en route are required to complete either a thesis, a proposal formatted for a major granting agency, or a primary-authored paper submitted for publication as a peer-reviewed journal article or book chapter.</p>
MA/MS Specializations	<p>Graduate training is offered in cultural anthropology, physical/biological anthropology, and archaeology. Specialized topics reflect the active research interests of the faculty.</p>
PhD Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Archaeology • Biological Anthropology • Cultural Anthropology
Phd Requirements	<p>Minimum of 72 credits beyond the baccalaureate (normally 40-60 units beyond MA level), teaching experience, oral and written exams, and dissertation required; fieldwork recommended. Coursework and residency requirements can be found on our website.</p>

Research Facilities	<p><p>Museum of Anthropology: A teaching, research, and outreach facility. It is the only anthropology museum in the state of Missouri and one of a few in the Midwest. It has the largest holding of prehistoric Missouri artifacts in the world and includes millions of items dating from 9,000 B.C. to modern times. Collections of archaeological and ethnographic materials are available for use by faculty, students, and other qualified researchers (anthromuseum.missouri.edu). Museum of Art & Archaeology: Museological opportunities in classical and medieval archaeology, art, and Museum Studies graduate minor available through MU Museum of Art & Archaeology (maa.missouri.edu). Archaeometry Lab at the MU Research Reactor: Analytical equipment, computing facilities, reference collections, and databases useful for sourcing obsidian, pottery, chert and basalt are available at MURR. Capabilities include neutron activation analysis, x-ray fluorescence, and inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (with laser ablation) (archaeometry.missouri.edu/information.html). MU GIS graduate certificate provides a thorough background in GIS analysis and database management (geography.missouri.edu/grad/graduate-gis-program).</p></p>
Support Opportunities	<p><p>Teaching, research, student assistantships, fellowships, and scholarships are available to qualified students on a competitive basis.</p></p>
Library Resources	
Internships Available	
Internship Info	
Internship Required	
Publications	
Collections	
Grants Or Funding	
Misc Information	
Phd Specializations	<p>PhD candidates normally specialize in cultural anthropology, physical/biological anthropology, archaeology, or in consultation with the student's advisory committee, a combination of some of these areas or a combination of these areas with academic disciplines outside of traditional anthropology. Specialized topics reflect the active research interests of the faculty. Our faculty have broad and varied areas of interest and their research takes them across many continents. A full list of research areas can be found on our website.</p>
Certs Offered	

Statistical Information

2020-21	Number of Male Grad Students	11
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	2
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	96
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	2
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of New Grad Students	4
	Number of Female Grad Students	13
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	0
	Number Of Total Grad Students	24
	Number Of Total Undergrad Students	80
	BA/BS Degrees Granted Total	19
	MA/MS Degrees Granted Total	3
	PHD Degrees Granted Total	2
	2019-20	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males
BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males		3
BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		14
PHD Degrees Granted To Females		2
PHD Degrees Granted To Males		3
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females		2
BA/BS Degrees Granted Total		17
MA/MS Degrees Granted Total		4
PHD Degrees Granted Total		5
2018-19	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	1
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	13
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	13
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	5
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	1
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	2
	BA/BS Degrees Granted Total	26
	MA/MS Degrees Granted Total	3
	PHD Degrees Granted Total	6

2017-18	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	Number of Male Grad Students	15
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	3
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	40
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	9
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	75
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	13
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	4
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	2
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	40
	Number of New Grad Students	2
	Number of Female Grad Students	19
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	3
	2016-17	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males
AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		0
Number of Male Grad Students		15
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males		3
Number of Male Undergrad Students		32
BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males		9
Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding		90
BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		17
PHD Degrees Granted To Females		3
PHD Degrees Granted To Males		1
Number of Female Undergrad Students		55
Number of New Grad Students		2
Number of Female Grad Students		22
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females		3
2015-16		AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	Number of Male Grad Students	18
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	1
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	22
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	5
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	90
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	15
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	6
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	1
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	43
	Number of New Grad Students	5
	Number of Female Grad Students	22
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	2

2014-15	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	Number of Male Grad Students	25
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	6
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	18
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	5
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	95
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	21
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	1
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	2
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	64
	Number of New Grad Students	9
	Number of Female Grad Students	34
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	2
2013-14	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	Number of Male Grad Students	25
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	1
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	25
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	10
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	95
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	13
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	1
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	1
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	71
	Number of New Grad Students	11
	Number of Female Grad Students	32
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	2
2012-13	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	Number of Male Grad Students	26
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	3
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	62
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	9
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	80
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	8
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	0
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	86
	Number of New Grad Students	13
	Number of Female Grad Students	32
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	0

2011-12	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	Number of Male Grad Students	28
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	68
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	13
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	65
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	23
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	0
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	83
	Number of New Grad Students	15
	Number of Female Grad Students	32
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	1
	2010-11	Number of Male Grad Students
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males		6
Number of Male Undergrad Students		61
BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males		13
BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		25
PHD Degrees Granted To Females		1
PHD Degrees Granted To Males		2
Number of Female Undergrad Students		80
Number of New Grad Students		9
Number of Female Grad Students		27
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females		2

Program Contacts

Name	Phone	Email	Interest/Specialty Areas	Geographic Area(s) of Expertise	Geographic Areas of Expertise International
Bob Benfer		bob.benfer@gmail.com	Bioarchaeology and archaeoastronomy	Perú	
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Jeffrey Ferguson		fergusonje@missouri.edu	Archaeological chemistry, lithic studies, skill and learning	Western North America	East Asia and the Pacific, Japan, United States of America, Western Hemisphere
Alejandro Figueroa		afigueroa@missouri.edu	archaeology, zooarchaeology, Honduras		
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Michael Glascock		glascockm@missouri.edu	Application of nuclear and atomic techniques for the analysis of archaeological materials to conduct research on provenance, technology, trade and exchange	US, Mesoamerica, South America	Western Hemisphere
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Todd Vanpool		vanpoolt@missouri.edu	Prehistory, quantitative methods, archaeological method and theory, evolutionary archaeology, stone artifact analysis	Southwest	Western Hemisphere
Robert Walker		walkerro@missouri.edu	Evolutionary anthropology, hunter-gatherers	Amazonia	Western Hemisphere
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