

University of Iowa, Department of Anthropology

Program Information

Program Name	University of Iowa, Department of Anthropology
General Description / Special Programs	<p>The Department of Anthropology at The University of Iowa was founded in 1969 under the leadership of June Helm (1924 - 2004). Since then, the Department has grown substantially and enhanced both its national and international reputation. Our faculty members have served as presidents of the American Anthropological Association, the Society of Economic Anthropology, the Society for Cultural Anthropology, the Association of Feminist Anthropology, and Iowa Museum Association. They have also served as editors of Medical Anthropology Quarterly, American Ethnologist, American Anthropologist, and the Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory.</p> <p>The Department offers training in the discipline's four major subfields—cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, linguistic anthropology, and archaeology—as well as in topical areas such as medical anthropology, feminist anthropology, palaeoanthropology, European archaeology, and environmental anthropology. We maintain close ties with the Office of the State Archaeologist, the Museum of Natural History, International Programs, and the College of Public Health.</p> <p>Our research reflects the wide range of topics, theoretical approaches, and methodologies characteristic of anthropology at large. And yet, we all share a goal of documenting and understanding the various ways of being human on a planet now inhabited by seven billion people who are interconnected through ancient migration paths, settler colonialism, the digital revolution, and many other kinds of encounters. Our teaching, research and public engagement are animated by anthropology's appreciation for and study of all aspects of human difference.</p> <p>As researchers, teachers, and members of our varied communities, we have committed ourselves to ongoing discussion, reflection and action to engage issues of diversity, inclusion, economic and social justice, and decolonization in our intellectual and institutional lives. We recognize that this difficult work is ongoing and accept responsibility to engage anti-racist and decolonial goals as they relate to curriculum, pedagogy, hiring decisions, our institution's student body, and civic engagement.</p>
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Program Details

Degrees Offered	Anthropology PhD, MA, BA, BS
Tuition Information	
Highest Degree Offered	PhD
Certificate Info	
Other Degree Requirements	
Certificates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Museum Studies
AA/ AS Requirements	
BA/BS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeology • Biological Anthropology • Cultural Anthropology • Linguistic Anthropology
BA/ BS Requirements	<p>The BA in Anthropology requires 33 semester hours in the major; at least 15 semester hours in the major must be earned at The University of Iowa. The BS in Anthropology requires 39 semester hours in the major plus 15 semester hours in an associated minor; at least 15 semester hours in the major must be earned at The University of Iowa. Graduation with honors in the major is open to students with a grade-point average of at least 3.50 in Anthropology. In addition to the regular major requirements, honors students complete an honors research seminar, a graduate-level course and an honors research project. The department offers four optional undergraduate tracks that can be earned along with either a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree: gender and culture, cultural resource and heritage management, environmental anthropology, and medical anthropology.</p>
MA/MS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeology • Biological Anthropology • Cultural Anthropology • Linguistic Anthropology
MA/ MS Requirements	<p>The MA in Anthropology requires 30-36 semester hours of graduate credit depending on the student's previous anthropological training; summer research is encouraged. For more information, please see the department's website.</p>
MA/MS Specializations	<p>Students may choose to earn a terminal M.A. with a focus on cultural resource management archaeology (CRM), which prepares them for a professional career in the CRM field.</p>
PhD Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeology • Biological Anthropology • Cultural Anthropology • Linguistic Anthropology
Phd Requirements	<p>The PhD in Anthropology requires 72 semester hours of course work beyond the BA degree; one foreign language, comprehensive examination, fieldwork or equivalent, dissertation, oral defense. For more information, please see the department's website.</p>
Research Facilities	<p>Biological Anthropology, European Archaeology, multi-media Linguistic Anthropology, North American Archaeology, Zooarchaeology and Quantitative Anthropology Laboratories. The Iowa State Archaeological Repository is located on-campus at the University of Iowa Office of the State Archaeologist.</p>
Support Opportunities	<p>Multi-year teaching and research assistantships with full tuition scholarships are typically available to qualified graduate students for 5 years, with supplemental multi-year University fellowships available to highly qualified applicants. Graduate College, International Programs, Graduate Student Senate, and departmental funds are available for summer research. T. Anne Cleary Fellowships are available for international dissertation research. Ballard/Seashore dissertation write-up support also available.</p>
Library Resources	<p>https://www.lib.uiowa.edu/</p>
Internships Available	
Internship Info	
Internship Required	
Publications	<p>The AnthObserver: Department of Anthropology Newsletter</p>

Collections	
Grants Or Funding	
Misc Information	
Phd Specializations	PhD students develop professional specialization for independent research and teaching. The department also offers concentrations in Paleoanthropology and Feminist Anthropology, and has key strengths in both Medical Anthropology and Asian Studies.
Certs Offered	

Statistical Information

2021-22	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	100
	Number of New Grad Students	2
	Number of Female Grad Students	6
	Number of Male Grad Students	9
	Number Of Total Grad Students	15
	MA/MS Degrees Granted Total	2
	PHD Degrees Granted Total	4
2020-21	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	100
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	23
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	7
	Number of New Grad Students	4
	Number of Female Grad Students	9
	Number of Male Grad Students	11
	Number Of Total Grad Students	20
	Number Of Total Undergrad Students	104
	BA/BS Degrees Granted Total	30
	MA/MS Degrees Granted Total	1
	PHD Degrees Granted Total	0
2019-20	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	100
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	29
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	50
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	3
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	9
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	3
	Number of New Grad Students	3
	Number of Female Grad Students	16
	Number of Male Grad Students	10
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	1
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	75
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	2
	Number Of Total Grad Students	26
	Number Of Total Undergrad Students	125
	AA/AS Degrees Granted Total	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted Total	38
	MA/MS Degrees Granted Total	5
PHD Degrees Granted Total	4	

2018-19	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	100
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	23
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	32
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	7
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	1
	Number of New Grad Students	5
	Number of Female Grad Students	15
	Number of Male Grad Students	11
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	2
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	69
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	1
	2017-18	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding
BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		28
AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males		0
Number of Male Undergrad Students		31
PHD Degrees Granted To Females		1
BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males		7
AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		0
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females		4
Number of New Grad Students		5
Number of Female Grad Students		17
Number of Male Grad Students		12
PHD Degrees Granted To Males		2
Number of Female Undergrad Students		100
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males		2
2016-17		Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	25
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	37
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	2
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	18
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	2
	Number of New Grad Students	6
	Number of Female Grad Students	17
	Number of Male Grad Students	12
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	1
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	91
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	1

2015-16	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	100
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	40
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	42
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	3
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	8
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	3
	Number of New Grad Students	8
	Number of Female Grad Students	19
	Number of Male Grad Students	12
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	95
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	1
	2014-15	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding
BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		26
AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males		0
Number of Male Undergrad Students		42
PHD Degrees Granted To Females		4
BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males		12
AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		0
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females		2
Number of New Grad Students		3
Number of Female Grad Students		22
Number of Male Grad Students		10
PHD Degrees Granted To Males		1
Number of Female Undergrad Students		111
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males		0
2013-14		Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	31
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	61
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	2
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	20
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	3
	Number of New Grad Students	6
	Number of Female Grad Students	25
	Number of Male Grad Students	11
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	1
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	149
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	0

2012-13	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	100
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	38
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	57
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	7
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	17
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	2
	Number of New Grad Students	6
	Number of Female Grad Students	29
	Number of Male Grad Students	11
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	1
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	126
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	1
	2011-12	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding
BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		23
AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males		0
Number of Male Undergrad Students		69
PHD Degrees Granted To Females		3
BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males		14
AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		0
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females		1
Number of New Grad Students		6
Number of Female Grad Students		31
Number of Male Grad Students		10
PHD Degrees Granted To Males		2
Number of Female Undergrad Students		152
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males		0
2010-11		Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	21
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	66
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	2
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	15
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	2
	Number of New Grad Students	3
	Number of Female Grad Students	31
	Number of Male Grad Students	15
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	4
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	151
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	3

Program Contacts

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Ellen Lewin		ellen-lewin@uiowa.edu	Feminist anthropology, gender, sexuality, and reproduction, lesbian/gay anthropology	US cultures	Western Hemisphere
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