

Columbia University, Department of Anthropology

Program Information

Program Name	Columbia University, Department of Anthropology
General Description / Special Programs	<p>The Department of Anthropology of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences has a PhD Program, in both social-cultural anthropology or archaeology, requires three years of coursework, 1-2 years of research, and 1-2 years of dissertation writing. Students are required to take a minimum of eight courses (not Independent Study classes) in the department for letter grades, including a two-semester core class during the first year. In addition, students commonly study outside the department, in a variety of specialized programs and institutes at Columbia. Many also take courses in the New York City Consortium (NYU, New School University, CUNY). The Department also has a terminal MA Program, which involves the equivalent of one full year of course work (30 credits) and may be pursued part or full-time. A concentration in archaeology is also available in the MA Program. Contact Ellen Marakowitz (em8@columbia.edu). A specialized MA Program in Museum Anthropology trains students to interpret ethnographic and archaeological collections for the general public; to work in registration or collection management; or to become scientific or research staff for a range of museum types. Contact Brian Boyd (bb2305@columbia.edu). The Department of Sociomedical Sciences housed in the School of Public Health offers a PhD with a concentration in medical anthropology. Contact: Jennifer Hirsch (jsh2124@columbia.edu). The PhD Program in evolutionary primatology, formerly administered by the Department of Anthropology, is now housed in the Department of Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology (1200 Amsterdam Ave, Columbia U, New York, NY 10027). Teachers College offers PhDs in Anthropology and Education, and in Applied Anthropology Contact Hervé Varenne. (hhv1@columbia.edu).</p>
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Program Details

Degrees Offered	Anthropology PhD, MA, MPhil, BA major/concentration
Tuition Information	
Highest Degree Offered	PhD
Certificate Info	
Other Degree Requirements	The MPhil degree is awarded upon completion of eight departmental courses for letter grades; the foreign language requirement; two Advanced Qualifying Examinations; and defense of a research Prospectus, at the end of three years of study.
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"> • Anthropology • Archaeology • Cultural Anthropology • Museum/Curatorial Studies
MA/ MS Requirements	Two (2) residence units are needed (a residence unit is granted for each semester of full-time study), 30 credits (18 credits in Anthropology) and MA thesis.
MA/MS Specializations	
PhD Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Archaeology • Cultural Anthropology
Phd Requirements	Six (6) Residence Units are needed (a residence unit is granted for each semester of full-time study); a high level of proficiency in a language other than English; eight departmental courses for letter grades; compulsory grant writing seminar, two or more additional courses for letter grades in Anthropology or a related field; two Advanced Qualifying Examinations; defense of a research Prospectus (in the third year) for the MPhil degree; fieldwork; dissertation; defense.
Research Facilities	Research facilities include an archaeology laboratory; the Center for Studies in Ethnomusicology; the American Museum of Natural History, the Museum of the American Indian, and the university libraries. Columbia and the American Museum of Natural History have agreed to join their resources in teaching and research in anthropology. Museum curators teach seminars and lecture courses at Columbia, and advise graduate students. Columbia faculty and students, have access to the Museum's research facilities, library, archives laboratories and photograph and artifact collections. In addition, opportunities for graduate students to work in the field with Museum curators are available. This agreement substantially increases the intellectual community at Columbia in all anthropological subdisciplines, giving students a greater chance to exchange ideas and work with faculty, whose research spans four continents and many methodological approaches. See the entry of the American Museum of Natural History for information about curators and collections.
Support Opportunities	Graduate: The Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences awards fellowships providing support and full tuition for five years to entering PhD students based upon maintaining academic progress. Funding for fieldwork typically is sought from outside sources. Summer funding is available for five years for preliminary research, language training, and dissertation writeup.
Library Resources	
Internships Available	
Internship Info	
Internship Required	
Publications	
Collections	
Grants Or Funding	
Misc Information	

Phd Specializations	
Certs Offered	

Statistical Information

2019-20	Number of New Grad Students	23
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	93
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	16
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	40
	Number of Male Grad Students	30
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	32
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	9
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	30
	Number of Female Grad Students	63
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	2
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	4
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number Of Total Grad Students	93
	Number Of Total Undergrad Students	70
	AA/AS Degrees Granted Total	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted Total	41
	MA/MS Degrees Granted Total	21
	PHD Degrees Granted Total	2
AA/AS Degrees Granted To Non-binary or third gender	0	
BA/BS Degrees Granted To Non-binary or third gender	0	
2018-19	Number of New Grad Students	31
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	49
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	8
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	7
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	70
	Number of Male Grad Students	33
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	14
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	12
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	35
	Number of Female Grad Students	59
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	3
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0

2017-18	Number of New Grad Students	29
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	73
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	10
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	14
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	40
	Number of Male Grad Students	24
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	14
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	7
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	27
	Number of Female Grad Students	67
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	2
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	3
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	2016-17	Number of New Grad Students
Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding		74
PHD Degrees Granted To Females		5
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females		25
Number of Female Undergrad Students		30
Number of Male Grad Students		27
BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		15
BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males		16
Number of Male Undergrad Students		17
Number of Female Grad Students		67
PHD Degrees Granted To Males		4
AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		0
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males		10
AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males		0
2015-16		Number of New Grad Students
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	11
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	5
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	20
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	70
	Number of Male Grad Students	34
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	16
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	15
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	43
	Number of Female Grad Students	75
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	2
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	2
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0

2014-15	Number of New Grad Students	28
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	14
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	3
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	14
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	113
	Number of Male Grad Students	71
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	8
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	3
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	66
	Number of Female Grad Students	132
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	4
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	7
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	2013-14	Number of New Grad Students
Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding		19
PHD Degrees Granted To Females		4
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females		15
Number of Female Undergrad Students		142
Number of Male Grad Students		85
BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		97
BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males		49
Number of Male Undergrad Students		85
Number of Female Grad Students		155
PHD Degrees Granted To Males		5
AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		0
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males		4
AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males		0
2011-12		Number of New Grad Students
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	77
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	3
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	28
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	100
	Number of Male Grad Students	76
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	49
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	22
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	53
	Number of Female Grad Students	131
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	6
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	12
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0

2010-11	Number of New Grad Students	51
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	77
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	8
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	20
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	97
	Number of Male Grad Students	77
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	39
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	17
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	54
	Number of Female Grad Students	127
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	4
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	5

Program Contacts

Name	Phone	Email	Interest/Specialty Areas	Geographic Area(s) of Expertise	Geographic Areas of Expertise International
David Scott		das133@columbia.edu	Colonialism, postcolonialism, politics, cultural theory	Sri Lanka, Caribbean	East Asia and the Pacific, Sri Lanka, Western Hemisphere
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Audra Simpson		as447@cornell.edu	Indigeneity, nationhood, citizenship, borders, discourse and narrativity, Mohawk	Mohawk Nation	Western Hemisphere
Brian Boyd		bb2305@columbia.edu	Archaeology of Levant, human-animal relations, technologies, gender, theory	Middle East	Middle East and North Africa
Brian Larkin		bl190@columbia.edu	Social cultural anthropology, media, infrastructure, urbanism, religion	Africa	Sub-Saharan Africa
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