

University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Department of Anthropology

Program Information

Program Name	University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Department of Anthropology
General Description / Special Programs	The Department of Anthropology at UAF is the only anthropology program in the United States that maintains a holistic approach to circumpolar studies, providing instruction and research in all aspects of northern anthropology, with an emphasis on the Circumpolar North, but also including other regions (Africa, Latin America, Japan, South Asia). We publish an internationally recognized, refereed journal, the Anthropological Papers of the University of Alaska. We have more than 75 undergraduate majors and 50 graduate students, and serve over 900 students per year. The department offers approximately 40 courses each year.
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Program Details

Degrees Offered	Anthropology PhD, MA, BA/BS major/minor
Highest Degree Offered	PhD
BA/BS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Archaeology • Biological Anthropology • Cultural Anthropology • Linguistic Anthropology
BA/ BS Requirements	BA: 120 credits; BS: 130 credits
MA/MS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Archaeology • Biological Anthropology • Cultural Anthropology • Linguistic Anthropology
MA/ MS Requirements	30 credits (24 credit hours of coursework), comprehensive examination, one foreign language or research tool, thesis.
PhD Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Archaeology • Biological Anthropology • Cultural Anthropology • Linguistic Anthropology
Phd Requirements	The focus of the program is primarily on the archaeological, biological, sociocultural, and linguistic anthropology of the North, although other regional emphases are possible. Coursework in anthropology and related disciplines as determined by the advisory committee, at least three full years of study beyond the baccalaureate degree, minimum 18 credit hours of thesis, one foreign language and a research tool or two foreign languages, comprehensive exams, thesis, thesis defense.
Research Facilities	The department houses a number of labs, including: archaeology, GIS/CAD, human osteology and human evolution, digital ethnography (for linguistic and visual anthropology), medical anthropology (for socio-behavioral health research), molecular anthropology (standard and real-time PCR), dry prep lab for isotope/element/aDNA samples, zooarchaeology (extensive arctic and subarctic comparative faunal collection). Outside the department, there are ethnographic, archaeological, and other anthropological collections at the University of Alaska Museum of the North, extensive relevant holdings in the Rasmuson Library (including Alaska and Polar Region collections and oral history archives), Institute of Arctic Biology, Alaska Quaternary Center, Center for Global Change, and the Alaska Native Language Center.
Support Opportunities	14 graduate teaching assistantships which include a tuition waiver. Student research support is available through the Otto S. Geist Fund, the Henry B. Collins Fund, The Harvey Shields Fellowship in Archaeology, and other university-wide funds as well as faculty (grant) supported student research assistantships.
Internships Available	
Internship Required	
Publications	Anthropological Papers of the University of Alaska (General Editor, Ben Potter) www.uaf.edu/apua/
Misc Information	Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/uafanthro/
Certs Offered	

Statistical Information

2011-12	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of New Grad Students	0
	Number of Male Grad Students	0
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	0
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Female Grad Students	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	0
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	0
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	0
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	2010-11	Number of Male Grad Students
Number of Female Undergrad Students		37
Number of Female Grad Students		34
Number of Male Undergrad Students		19

Program Contacts

Name	Phone	Email	Interest/Specialty Areas	Geographic Areas of Expertise United States	Geographic Areas of Expertise International
Erin Pikey		elpikey@alaska.edu			
Ben Potter		bapotter@alaska.edu	Subarctic and Arctic archaeology, site structure and organization, intersite variability, hunter and gatherer ecology	North American Subarctic and Arctic	
Elaine Drew		emdrew@alaska.edu	Medical anthropology, community health promotion, research ethics	Rural, AI/AN, Latino, and African-American communities in the US	Western Hemisphere
Patrick Plattet		pplattet@alaska.edu	Social organization, religious anthropology, modes of ritualization, hunting/herding/fishing practices and ideologies	Russian Far East, Central and Eastern Europe	East Asia and the Pacific, Europe / Eurasia
Brian Hemphill		bhemphill@alaska.edu	Dental anthropology, dental pathology, human osteology, bioarchaeology, quantitative methods, biological distance	South Asia, Central Asia, Great Basin	East Asia and the Pacific, Western Hemisphere
Jamie Clark		jlclark7@alaska.edu	Paleolithic archaeology, human behavioral evolution, modern human origins, zooarchaeology, bioarchaeology	Sub-Saharan Africa, Near East	Sub-Saharan Africa
David Koester		dckoester@alaska.edu	Culture and history, historical and national/ethnic consciousness, history of ethnography	Iceland, Russian Far East, circumpolar	East Asia and the Pacific, Europe / Eurasia, Iceland, Western Hemisphere
Sveta Yamin-Pasternak		syamin@alaska.edu	Anthropology of Food & Culture, Ethnomycology	Circumpolar North	
Kara Hoover		kchoover@alaska.edu	Human adaptation, evolutionary biology and genetics, paleogenomics, developmental instability, stress and well-being	Prehistoric Japan, Eurasia, Neanderthal, Denisova	East Asia and the Pacific, Europe / Eurasia, Japan
Joshua Reuther		jreuther@alaska.edu	Hunter-gatherer ecology, geoarchaeology, archaeological science, cultural resources management	Subarctic and arctic archaeology	
Robin Shoaps		rashoaps@alaska.edu	Linguistic anthropology, indigenous languages and peoples, ritual language, Mayan languages and cultures, Pentecostalism, language and politics, moral discourse, ethnography of moralities	Mesoamerica, US	Western Hemisphere
Nancy Bigelow		nhbigelow@alaska.edu	Quaternary paleoecology, palynology, Beringian environments	Alaska	Western Hemisphere
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Charles Holmes		charles.holmes@alaska.edu	Beringian archaeology, Subarctic cultural adaptations, Athabaskan archaeology, lithic analysis	Alaska	Western Hemisphere
Molly Lee		mclee@alaska.edu	Sociocultural anthropology, Alaska Native and Inuit art of historical and contemporary periods	Alaska, Canada	Canada, Western Hemisphere
Phyllis Morrow		pmorrow@alaska.edu	Sociocultural anthropology, language and culture, gender, oral traditions, Yup'ik/Alaska Native	Alaska	Western Hemisphere
Joel Irish		jdirish@alaska.edu	Biological anthropology, dental anthropology, paleopathology, human osteology, human variation, bioarchaeology, quantitative methods	North and sub-Saharan Africa, southeast Alaska	Sub-Saharan Africa
Charlotte Basham			Discourse analysis, second language acquisition, and contrastive rhetoric.		

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Peter Schweitzer		ppschweitzer@alaska.edu	Social organization, kinship, post-socialism, ethnohistory, history of anthropology	Russia, Siberia, Alaska, Europe	East Asia and the Pacific, Europe / Eurasia, Russia, Western Hemisphere
William Schneider		wsschneider@alaska.edu	Cultural anthropology, oral history	Alaska	Western Hemisphere

