



Department of Anthropology

University of California Santa Barbara

Graduate Program Application Information

The Department of Anthropology is a medium-sized department with excellent faculty, high national visibility and a reputation for a first-rate graduate program. In October 2001 the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students survey of US graduate programs rated UCSB among its top five anthropology programs. Each student contracts a unique course of study and research directed towards the understanding of human culture, past and present. We offer an MA/PhD degree program in Anthropology with specializations in Sociocultural Anthropology, Archaeology, and Integrative Anthropological Sciences (IAS). Further specialization is possible within each of these fields. More details can be found by visiting our website at <http://www.anth.ucsb.edu/>.

All prospective students wishing to ultimately pursue a PhD must apply to the MA/PhD program. Applicants are admitted to the MA/PhD program with the expectation that they will meet the requirements for the MA degree and advance to complete the PhD degree. Applicants who have received an MA degree in anthropology from another institution must meet the UCSB Department of Anthropology MA requirements before advancing to the PhD program. We offer a terminal MA degree program only in North American Archaeology with emphases including California archaeology and paleoethnobotany, designed for students who wish to pursue careers in cultural resource management. An MA-only degree is not available in Sociocultural Anthropology or IAS.

Time-to-degree standards for the MA/PhD program are 4 years for the MA (typically completed in 2-3 years, however), 5 years maximum for advancement to candidacy and 8 years total for the PhD. For applicants entering with an MA/MS degree, the timeline is MA: 4 years, Advance: 4 years, and PhD: 7 years. Specific requirements of each Graduate Degree Program can be reviewed through our Guidelines at <http://www.anth.ucsb.edu/graded/guidelines.php>.

Our programs and faculty contacts: We recommend you review our faculty research interests on our website (<http://www.anth.ucsb.edu/research.php>) and contact faculty with similar research interests as your own. If you wish to visit the department, we invite you to contact faculty directly to set up meetings.

Application Deadline: December 1st for the following academic year. All application materials (except official transcripts) must be uploaded to the electronic application (<http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/eapp/>) by midnight December 1st to be considered. This includes test scores. Transcripts must be postmarked by December 1st. Applications are submitted online; please see <http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/prospectivestudents/#apply>. For Frequently Asked Questions regarding the application process, please see <http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/admissions/faq.htm>. For specific requirements for applying to the Department of Anthropology, please see <http://www.anth.ucsb.edu/gradapplication.php>. For details on the application process and other aspects of graduate student academics at UCSB, please visit the Graduate Division website at <http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/>.

Funding packages vary depending upon availability and applicant merit. Central fellowships for prospective new students are offered through the Graduate Division by department nomination, usually in February following the close of applications. These awards can include fees, health insurance, teaching or research assistant positions, tuition, and/or stipends from quarter up to 5 years. Departmental awards are similar but awarded for one academic year. Domestic students also file with FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid, <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>) as additional support may be available through the Financial Aid Office (<http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/>). Not all new and continuing students receive funding support each year. Continuing student awards are made annually in the Spring quarter for the following academic year based on annual evaluations. Funding is limited, competitive and based on merit.

Cost of Attending: For more information on fees, please see <http://www.registrar.ucsb.edu/feechart-grad.htm>. For full on and off campus budgets, see <https://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/CostofAttendance.aspx>.

Non-Resident Tuition (NRT): All non-California residents (out of state and international) students will pay additional Non-Resident Tuition, currently \$15,102.00 per year. Domestic out-of-state students establish California residency after their first year to avoid continued payment of NRT. International students will be charged NRT each quarter until advanced to candidacy, at which time they will receive three calendar years exemption from NRT.

For information on Graduate Study at UCSB, applying, diversity and outreach, financial support, and student resources including housing, please see <http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/prospectivestudents/>.

For more information, please contact Casey Walsh, Associate Professor and Faculty Graduate Advisor at walsh@anth.ucsb.edu or Robin Roe, Staff Graduate Program Assistant at roe@anth.ucsb.edu. Thank you for your interest.