

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
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 College of Letters and Science
 University of California, Santa Barbara

Student Name: _____

Perm: _____

MASTER OF ARTS – ANTHROPOLOGY
SOCIOCULTURAL SPECIALIZATION (Plan II - Exam)
For Students Entering AY 2025-26

In addition to departmental requirements, candidates for graduate degrees must fulfill University requirements as described in the “Graduate Education” section of the UCSB General Catalog.

The M.A. in Anthropology, Sociocultural Specialization, is viewed as an integral part of preparation for the doctorate; students apply to both programs. Students intending to pursue only an M.A. degree in Sociocultural Anthropology will not be accepted into the graduate program.

Students must complete a minimum of **36.0 units** for the master’s degree, 24 of which must be from the graduate series in Anthropology. Students in the M.A./Ph.D. program must first complete all of the M.A. requirements before continuing toward the doctorate. The time-to-degree for the M.A. is two years. These courses must be passed with a grade of B or better, with the exception of the Proseminar Requirements which must be passed satisfactorily.

SEMINAR REQUIREMENTS (8.0 units total)			
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	Grade (S/U)
ANTH 203	Race, Racism and Anti-racism in Anthropology	4.0	
ANTH 205	Ethics and the Profession of Anthropology	4.0	

SOCIOCULTURAL SPECIALIZATION REQUIREMENTS (20.0 units total)			
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	Grade
ANTH 235A	Foundations of Modern Social Theory	4.0	
ANTH 235B	Issues in Contemporary Anthropology	4.0	
ANTH 240A	Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology	4.0	
ANTH 240B	Research Design and Writing in Sociocultural Anthropology	4.0	
ANTH 295	M.A. Paper Preparation	4.0	

ELECTIVE COURSES (8.0 units total)			
Students will draft a study plan in consultation with and approved by their advisor.			
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	Grade

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A maximum of 12.0 units of ANTH 596, Directed Reading and Research, may count toward the total number of required units for the M.A. degree. ANTH 501, 597, and 599 do not count toward the M.A. degree requirements.

MASTER'S COMMITTEE AND COMPETENCY CONTRACT

By the end of the winter quarter of the first year, students must form a valid master's committee, and file their M.A. Committee form with the Graduate Program Assistant. Committees must consist of at least three UC Academic Senate faculty members, two of whom (including the chair) must be from the department. The chair of the committee must be from the sociocultural subfield.

M.A. Committee: Chair: _____

Member: _____

Member: _____

Member: _____

Member: _____

The M.A. committee will assist the student with determining a specific course of study for his or her contract, which should be finalized and approved by winter quarter, but not later than the end of the spring quarter of the first year.

CAPSTONE REQUIREMENT – M.A. DOSSIER

Toward the end of the spring quarter of the second year the student will submit to his or her committee a dossier that provides the basis for evaluating the student's progress and that indicates where he or she is headed in the future.

The dossier includes the following:

1. A self-assessment.
2. A complete list of courses taken with grades earned.
3. The M.A. research paper, either a draft of the dissertation research proposal or an original research paper. Students are expected to work closely with their committee to decide which type of paper to submit. The draft dissertation proposal should conform to the format guidelines for a funding agency such as NSF or Wenner Gren. The research paper is an article length paper based on original, empirical field research on a subject determined in consultation with the committee, ideally at the beginning of the second year of study.

The research paper/research proposal fulfills the University requirement of an M.A. Comprehensive Exam, and will be awarded one of the following scores: **Ph.D. Pass** (required to continue to the Ph.D.), **M.A. Pass** (a recommendation of probation to the Graduate Division Dean), or **Fail**. Students have until the end of the following summer quarter to revise papers/projects which receive a Fail score. If the deadline is not met, the student will be recommended to the Graduate Dean for academic probation. If acceptable revisions are not completed after another quarter, the student will be recommended for dismissal.

DOSSIER DATE: _____
(month/date/year)

SCORE: _____

COMMENTS:

POST-MASTER'S ASSESSMENT

Post-Master's Assessment: Upon completion of the Master's degree, the faculty will assess the student's overall progress in graduate study. The student should submit a "second-year dossier" with the following documentation as input to the review: a self-assessment; complete list of courses taken with grades earned; the M.A. research paper (either a draft of the dissertation research proposal or an original research paper); CV. The student will receive a written evaluation of the faculty's assessment of their development, their promise for independent, innovative, and original research, and for completion of doctoral study.

M.A. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS SATISFIED: _____
Quarter/Year

DEPT GRADUATE ADVISOR SIGNATURE: _____
_____ **Print Name**

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Admission status	
Residence requirement-minimum 3 quarters	
Required units completed	
Language requirement Satisfied (<i>if required</i>)	
No grades of I, NR, or NG	
3.0 or better GPA overall	
Registered quarter of degree or Filing Fee LOA: _____	
Master's Form I / COI and committee entered	
Master's Thesis date received (<i>signature page/e-filed and entered in SReg</i>): _____	
Master's Thesis Submission Fee: _____	
ProQuest ID _____ Permission Ltrs uploaded?	
Master's Degree Awarded (mm/dd/yy)	