

PhD Program At A Glance
Department of Anthropology
Baylor University

What do we offer?

- A unique program, with cross-disciplinary training in biomedical, medical, and applied anthropology to prepare graduates for jobs in academia, research, business and industry, government, and other vocations. Training is focused on a combination of quantitative and qualitative methods, with an emphasis on health, statistics, communication and management.

What do students get?

- Five years of guaranteed funding (stipend, tuition, and health insurance) in addition to travel and research funds. Some of this time will be spent as a research assistant with a faculty member or group, and other times will be spent as a teaching assistant or class instructor.

What are required of students?

- A focused research agenda to complete the program in five years.
- Four specific courses:
 - o ANT 5311 Descriptive and Exploratory Methods in Anthropological Research
 - o ANT 5312 Laboratory Methods in Anthropological Research
 - o ANT 5313 Professional Skills and Grant Writing
 - o STA 5300 Statistical Methods
- Three additional courses in Anthropology.
- Three additional courses in statistics and methods, ranging from bioinformatics, experimental design, and remote sensing, to sampling techniques and ethnographic research and analysis.
- Two additional courses in communication and management, ranging from health communication and project management to economic analysis and public administration.
- Two additional courses in health, ranging from genomics and infectious diseases to ecological risk assessment and health inequalities. There are many electives to choose from.
- An internship with a local community organization that should produce a research product like a publication.
- Participation in a pedagogical workshop.
- Serving as a teaching assistant or instructor-of-record at least once prior to graduating.
- Submitting an NSF GRFP, NSF DRIG, and Wenner-Gren DFG application (or equivalent).
- Giving a podium presentation at a professional conference.
- Having one peer-reviewed paper accepted by a professional publishing house and another one submitted prior to graduation.
- Participation in the department colloquium series.

Other student benefits:

- Those that complete the required and elective courses will be awarded an MS in Anthropology.
- Transfer credits are permitted, but must go through an approval process.
- Students will have a diverse advisory committee with two primary co-advisors, one additional Baylor faculty member outside of the Department, and one member outside of Baylor.

Application Requirements:

- An application letter describing the applicant's qualifications, desire for further study, career goals, and research interests. It is preferred that applicants contact potential faculty mentors to develop a possible research plan, and to articulate this in their application letter.
- A writing sample. This might include an undergraduate course paper at least ten pages in length.
- Three letters of recommendation from people qualified to evaluate the applicant's experiences, professional skills, and potential for future study and research.
- Official transcripts from all institutions where undergraduate courses were attempted/completed. At least one transcript must clearly document degree completion. Transcripts in languages other than English must be translated by an official translating agency.
- For applicants whose first language is not English, they must submit scores from TOEFL or IELTS. The score must not be older than five years.
- *Note that GRE scores are waived for the incoming class (application deadline of January 5, 2021), and these scores will not be accepted even voluntarily.*