



DOROTHY F. SCHMIDT COLLEGE OF ARTS & LETTERS

Student Learning Outcomes Assessment

The Anthropology graduate curriculum provides students with a strong foundation in the discipline. The curriculum ensures that graduate students are exposed to anthropological theory, quantitative methods, biological anthropology, cultural anthropology, and archaeology. The degree is primarily research-based, as students produce original MA theses. The process of moving toward the MA degree depends not only on successful course completion, but relies heavily on producing and defending a research proposal, carrying out data collection, analysis and write up of results, as well as production of the thesis. The MA/MAT degree prepares graduates to move either toward the Ph.D. or into the workforce, with the potential to use the knowledge gained in the pursuit of the degree.

Content Knowledge (Declarative Knowledge), Communication (Written Communication, Oral Communication), Critical Thinking (Analytic Skills): Demonstrate professional-level competence in one of the subfields of anthropology: archaeology, biological anthropology, or sociocultural anthropology. The student is required to write and to make a public research proposal defense, at which competence in the proposed field of inquiry must be demonstrated in terms of: written communication, oral communication, theoretical and methodological appropriateness, and a productive analytic framework.

Content Knowledge (Declarative Knowledge), Communication (Written Communication, Oral Communication), Critical Thinking (Analytic Skills): Demonstrate professional-level initiative in research activities, as shown by presentation of papers at professional meetings or by publications. The student is encouraged to present research results at academic conferences and/or in publication. The number of such outcomes is tracked.

Critical Thinking (Practical Skills), Communication (Oral/Written), Content Knowledge: Utilize the degree earned in subsequent professional activities. Program graduates are tracked in terms of doctoral program entry and employment status.