AY 2015-16
MA in Public Anthropology (MAPA) Program of Study
Updated June 2015

Time limit to fulfill requirements for degree: 6 years; no provision for extensions

Year 1 ______________________________

Fall Semester ________________
1) ____________________________ 1) ____________________________
2) ____________________________ 2) ____________________________
3) ____________________________ 3) ____________________________

Spring Semester ________________
1) ____________________________
2) ____________________________
3) ____________________________

Other activities planned, e.g. internship, capstone, etc.
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Year 2 (International track spends year in Peace Corps) ______________________________

Fall Semester ________________
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2) ____________________________ 2) ____________________________
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Spring Semester ________________
1) ____________________________
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Other activities planned, e.g. internship, capstone, etc.
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Year 3 (International track spends year in Peace Corps; other tracks add as needed) __________

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Year 4 (required for International Track; other tracks add as needed) _________________

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Add additional year(s) if needed.
### Requirements

#### Cultural/Social Anthropology Track

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18 credit hours of graduate coursework in anthropology  
(no more than 6 credit hours of ANTH-691 and ANTH-797;  
no more than 9 credit hours of ANTH-590 and ANTH-690)  

6 credit hours of approved graduate coursework from another  
discipline (e.g., history, sociology, communication,  
international service)  

Capstone requirement: Thesis/SRP

if Thesis:  
Submission/defense of thesis proposal  
Submission/defense of thesis  
Title of Thesis:______________________________  
Thesis committee: ______________________________________________________

if Substantial Research Paper (SRP):  
Development of SRP Plan (6 months ahead)  
Approval of finished SRP Project  
Public Presentation of SRP  
Title of Project: _________________________  
SRP Readers: ___________________________________________________________
**Archaeology Track**

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12 credit hours of graduate coursework in anthropology (no more than 6 credit hours of ANTH-691 and ANTH-797; no more than 9 credit hours of ANTH-590 and ANTH-690. Students without field archaeology experience are strongly encouraged to take ANTH-560 Summer Field School: Archaeology)

6 credit hours of approved graduate coursework in another discipline (e.g. history, sociology, communication, economics, mathematics and statistics, computer science, information systems, business, public affairs).

**Capstone requirement: Thesis/SRP**

If Thesis:
- submission/defense of thesis proposal
- submission/defense of thesis
- Title of Thesis: ______________________________________
- Thesis committee: ______________________________________

If Substantial Research Paper (SRP):
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15 credit hours of graduate coursework (no more than 6 credit hours of ANTH-691 and ANTH-797; no more than 9 credit hours of ANTH-590 and ANTH-690; no more than 6 credit hours from any discipline outside anthropology) 

6 credit hours for Peace Corps service 

Capstone requirement: Thesis/SRP
if Thesis,
  submission/defense of thesis proposal 
  submission/defense of thesis 
  Title of Thesis: ______________________________
  Thesis committee: ______________________________________________________

if Substantial Research Paper (SRP)
  Development of SRP Plan (6 months ahead) 
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MA in Public Anthropology (MAPA)

Degree Requirements

• 30 credit hours of approved graduate work
• Students focus their studies in one of three tracks: Cultural/Social Anthropology, Archaeology, or the International Program
• No more than 12 credit hours earned in a graduate certificate program may be transferred to the MA in anthropology program
• Capstone experience: completion of substantial research project or thesis. A substantial research project must be approved by a committee of two members, one of whom must be a member of the American University faculty. A thesis must be approved by a committee including at least two members from the American University faculty. Students choosing the thesis option must complete 3-6 credit hours of ANTH-797 Master's Thesis Seminar.

Course Requirements

• ANTH-632 Contemporary Theory: Culture, Power, History (3)
• ANTH-652 Anthropological Research Methods (3)
• 6 credit hours of approved graduate coursework from another discipline, such as history, sociology, communication, international service, sociology, economics, mathematics and statistics, computer science, information systems, business, or public affairs; in the case of the MAPA international track, this requirement is fulfilled through ANTH-693 Peace Corps Service
• Students may receive credit for no more than 6 credit hours of ANTH-691 and ANTH-797; and no more than 9 credit hours of ANTH-590 and ANTH-690

Cultural/Social Anthropology Track

• 12 credit hours of core course requirements
• 18 credit hours of Anthropology (ANTH) courses at the 500-level or above, as approved by the student’s advisor. Students choosing the thesis option must complete 3-6 credit hours of ANTH-797 Master's Thesis Seminar.

Archaeology Track

• 12 credit hours of core course requirements
• ANTH-533 Cultural Resources Management (3) or ANTH-536 Archaeology and Politics (3)
• ANTH-634 Foundations of Archaeology (3)
• 12 credit hours of Anthropology (ANTH) courses at the 500-level or above, as approved by the student’s advisor. Students choosing the thesis option must complete 3-6 credit hours of ANTH-797 Master's Thesis Seminar. Students without field archaeology experience are strongly encouraged to take ANTH-560 Summer Field School: Archaeology.
International Track

- 12 credit hours of core course requirements (including 6 credit hours for ANTH-693 Peace Corps Service)
- ANTH-797 MA Thesis Seminar (section designated to facilitate the write-up of Peace Corps Academic Capstone Project)
- 15 credit hours of courses at the 500-level or above, as approved by the student’s advisor; no more than 6 of these may be taken outside of anthropology (ANTH)