### Academic Program: CAS: Anthropology - PhD

**Contact Person for Assessment:** Delores Koenig  
**Unit's Primary Department:** Anthropology

#### Learning Outcome: Theory

Students graduating with a PhD in Anthropology will be able to demonstrate familiarity with the major arguments shaping the classic and contemporary debates in anthropological theory, and in the particular area of anthropology of interest to each student's dissertation project.

**Outcome Year:** 2008-2009  
2009-2010  
2010-2011

**Start Date:** 04/01/2009

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#### Assessment Plan

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**Measure Type:** Focus Group

**Learning Outcome: Inquiry**

Students graduating with a PhD in Anthropology will be able to use key ideas from those debates to develop problem statements, plans for data-gathering and data-analysis, and statements of conclusion/implications relevant to the student's research interest in archaeology or social-cultural anthropology.

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**Learning Outcome: Communication**

Students graduating with a PhD in Anthropology will be able to construct effective presentations of findings from research projects in written, oral, and visual media formats.

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