

Anthropology, M.A.

Mission Statement

The Anthropology Master of Arts program prepares graduates for a variety of professional positions and entrance into doctoral programs. The department's approach combines a strong anthropological perspective, an active faculty, a vigorous research and contract program, flexibility, and many opportunities to obtain hands-on experience. The department has one of the largest and most active terrestrial and maritime archaeology programs and facilities in the Southeast. There is continuous on-going student-focused research and contracts in prehistoric, historic, coastal, and interior archaeological sites that include graduate students at all levels of responsibility.

Student Learning Outcomes

UWF Anthropology, MA graduates should be able to do the following:

Content

- Analyze classic and current literature in anthropological theory, archaeology, biological anthropology, and cultural anthropology.
- Reach a professional level of competence in one subfield (e.g. Historical Archaeology, Maritime Archaeology, or Biological or Cultural Anthropology) by completion of a series of topical courses.
- Prepare for a professional career in a subfield of anthropology

Critical Thinking

- Identify an anthropological research problem
- Employ appropriate analytical tools
- Critically analyze anthropological writings, research, and data

Communication

- Effectively communicate in writing through research papers, reports, and proposals.

Integrity/Values

- Distinguish ethical components in complex situations
- Analyze complex ethical situations and design appropriate solutions.
- Articulate responsibilities of anthropologists to society
- Practice professional ethical standards

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

Anthropology recently submitted a 5-year assessment plan for its MA in Anthropology program..

Job Prospects for Anthropology, MA Graduates

Anthropologists are increasingly being employed in non-academic (applied) settings as well as in academia. Students obtaining employment immediately upon graduation are usually those with the best college records and a willingness to relocate to find a job.

Professional Archaeologist positions in federal and state government, as well as the private sector, require MA degrees and the kinds of hands-on experiences provided at UWF.

Ninety percent of UWF Master's graduates are employed in their field or are accepted into doctoral programs.

Find out more about Anthropology, MA at UWF:

<https://uwf.edu/programs/cassh/anthropology-ma/>