

ACADEMIC LEARNING PLAN

Historical Archaeology, M.A.

Mission Statement

The Historical Archaeology Specialization in the Anthropology Master's Program is designed for students with a strong interest in the archaeology of the post-Columbus period and the combined use of documents and archaeology. The program consists of 36 sh, and it is designed for students with a baccalaureate degree in Anthropology or History who want to pursue a professional career in either terrestrial or maritime Historical Archaeology or continue to a doctoral program. The degree will qualify the graduate for entry-level professional positions in cultural resource management in private business or government agencies at the national, state, and local level. The degree also qualifies graduates for professional positions in some aspects of public archaeology, historic preservation, and University research institutions and centers.

Student Learning Outcomes

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

Content

- Analyze and criticize 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.
- Select and prepare for a professional career in a subfield of anthropology

Critical Thinking

- Define and identify anthropological research problems
- Identify relevant goals and objectives
- Select appropriate method
- Employ appropriate analytical tools
- Draw reasonable conclusions
- Critically analyze anthropological writings, research, and data

Communication

- Effectively communicate in writing through research papers, reports, and proposals.
- Develop and prepare professional presentations.

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

Project Management

- Design and execute projects reasonably with given time constraints
- Develop backup planning skills.
- Demonstrate competency in supervision of workforce

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

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

Job Prospects for Historical Archaeology, 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 Historical Archaeology, MA at UWF:

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