**M.A. Program in Applied Anthropology**

**Applied Anthropology at the University of Kentucky:**

Since its inception in the 1960s, the graduate program has been nationally recognized as a leader in applied anthropology.  We define applied anthropology as research with practical application and impact, but anchored in a rigorous foundation in anthropological theory and method, whether from socio-cultural, bio-cultural, medical, or archaeological perspectives. With grounding in core anthropological theory and method, we train our students to be skilled researchers who can traverse both academic and non-academic settings, bringing to their research a sound intellectual base, and skills for application and practice.

**M.A. in Applied Anthropology:**

The M.A. degree in Applied Anthropology at UK is designed to train students to apply the theories, methods, and practices of anthropology to solve real world problems, and to prepare students for careers in different domains of application or for further graduate study. The program draws on the department’s considerable research strengths in a variety of areas (see website for more information), and puts strong emphasis on training in theory, application, and proficiency in qualitative and quantitative research methods and skills. The M.A. in Applied Anthropology program has three Areas of Concentration – Archaeology, Cultural Anthropology and Medical Anthropology. Students must declare their area of concentration in their program application.

**Degree Requirements:**

The degree completion requires 30 credits of coursework. The M.A. degree requires a written report based on the practicum. The report is written with the guidance of a committee of three faculty members. The final examination for the Master’s degree is an oral presentation of the practicum project at the annual departmental practicum colloquium. There is no foreign language requirement for the Master’s degree in applied anthropology.

**Admissions Requirements:**

If you are entering the Anthropology M.A. program without previous training in anthropology, you might want to read Perspectives: An Open Invitation to Cultural Anthropology (a free online textbook available at http://perspectives.americananthro.org/) and/or a text recommended by your advisor (e.g., Charles Orser's 2016 text Historical Archaeology) prior to your first semester.

**Archaeology Concentration:**

**The Archaeology** concentration is aimed at preparing students for careers in applied archaeological anthropology, including cultural resource management, museum and heritage studies, and public archaeology.

Students are expected to have archaeological field school training before starting graduate school. UKY offers one archaeological field school each summer, and students who have not participated in a field school will need to take it in addition to the required hours.

**Plan of Study:**

**Course: When taken: Cr Hrs**

ANT 525 1st semester 3

ANT 650 1st/2nd semester 3

ANT 651 2nd semester 3

3 courses in Archaeology (1 can be allied profession) 1st-3rd semesters 9

2 courses as approved by advisor/committee (may include ANT 790) 1-3rd semesters 6

ANT 760 - 6 credit hours practicum in applied anthropology 3rd semester 6

Total: 30

**Cultural Anthropology Concentration:**

**The Cultural Anthropology** concentrationis designed to prepare students for careers in various domains of application, including economic development, rural and urban development, business anthropology, public anthropology, human services, education, consulting and research, program monitoring and evaluation, and work with corporations, governmental and non-governmental organizations.

**Plan of Study:**

**Course: When taken: Cr Hrs**

ANT 525 1st semester 3

ANT 610 1st/2nd semester 3

ANT 660 2nd semester 3

3 courses in Cultural Anth (1 can be allied profession) 1st-3rd semesters 9

2 courses as approved by advisor/committee (may include ANT 790) 1-3rd semesters 6

ANT 760 - 6 credit hours practicum in applied anthropology 3rd semester 6

**Total:** 30

**Medical Anthropology Concentration:**

**The Medical Anthropology** concentration is based on fundamental concerns with the study of social forces and health inequalities, and various programmatic endeavors and community-based responses to them. Participants in the program will receive training in ethnographic methods, community-based participatory research and/or program evaluation along with instruction in anthropological perspectives on health and the intersection of anthropology with public health.

**Plan of Study:**

**Course: When taken: Cr Hrs**

ANT 525 1st semester 3

ANT 610 1st/2nd semester 3

ANT 660 2nd semester 3

3 courses in Med Anth (1 can be allied profession) 1st-3rd semesters 9

2 courses as approved by advisor/committee (may include ANT 790) 1-3rd semesters 6

ANT 760 - 6 credit hours practicum in applied anthropology 3rd semester 6

**Total:**  30

**Requirements for all M.A. Students:**

**Practicum:**

All M.A. students must enroll in 6 credit hours of ANT 760 (Practicum in Applied Anthropology). The practicum is expected to be the equivalent of a full time effort for at least one academic semester.

**Departmental Presentation:**

All M.A. students are required to write a report and to deliver a presentation at the annual departmental practicum colloquium as a condition of graduation.

**New Descriptions:**

**ANT 525 APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY. (3)**

Principles of policy research and intervention in anthropology with attention to the theoretical and ethical basis of such research and intervention. Intervention techniques considered include research and development anthropology, action anthropology, community development, community advocacy anthropology, critical risk assessment, culture brokerage, public archaeology, cultural resource management, and museum and heritage studies. Prereq: Nine hours of cultural anthropology or consent of instructor.

**ANT 760 PRACTICUM IN APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY. (1-6)**

Experiential field experience in which the student applies the theory and method of anthropology to the solution of a problem defined by the student in consultation with a community or a public or private service agency. Students prepare a written report and deliver a verbal presentation to the department of anthropology*.* Required of all students in Applied Anthropology M.A. program. Prereq: Consent of instructor.