ANTHROPOLOGY, PHD: CULTURAL

The emphasis in the Graduate Program is on training candidates for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. This degree certifies that, in addition to having a sound knowledge of anthropology as a whole, the holder has been trained to do independent research at a professional level of competence in at least one of the major sub-disciplines of anthropology: archaeology, cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, or linguistic anthropology.

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The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2026 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.

Curriculum

A minimum of 12 course units must be taken at the University of Pennsylvania.

Code	Title	Course Units
Core Requirements		**5**
ANTH 6000	Contemporary Archaeology in Theory	
ANTH 6020	Evolutionary Anthropology	
ANTH 6030	Language in Culture and Society	
ANTH 6010	Contemporary Approaches to the Study of Culture and Society	
ANTH 6550	Methods and Grantwriting for Anthropological Research	
Concentration Requirements		**13**
Dissertation		**3**
ANTH 9950	Dissertation	
Teaching Requirement		
Four semesters of teaching are required.		
Language Requirement		
Students are required to demonstrate a reading knowledge of one foreign language used in written source material or scientific literature relevant to the student's professional career.		
Total Course Units		**21**

University PhD Benchmarks

In addition to Program requirements, the following milestones must be completed:

Code	Title	Course Units
Qualifying Evaluation		
Candidacy Examination		
Dissertation Defense/Oral Exam		
Dissertation Deposit		

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