Department: Anthropology

Degree Objective: Master of Arts in Anthropology

**What can I do with this degree? What kind of jobs do people with this degree typically obtain?**

For students in the archaeology option, careers in cultural resource management (CRM) are possible. For students in the primatology option, careers in captive animal management (zoos, wildlife parks) are possible. Sociocultural anthropologists often find work with government agencies, corporations, and in non-profits and community-based organizations. For more information, please consult the American Anthropological Association's page on Careers in Anthropology at [https://www.americananthro.org/AdvanceYourCareer/Content.aspx?ItemNumber=1783&navItemNumber=742&navItemNumber=580](https://www.americananthro.org/AdvanceYourCareer/Content.aspx?ItemNumber=1783&navItemNumber=742&navItemNumber=580). This degree can also prepare you to teach anthropology at the community college level. If you continue on to a PhD, teaching at the university level is also possible.

**Will this master's program prepare me for a PhD program?**

Our master's program is intended to provide the rigorous preparation needed for entry to a PhD program. From the start of their careers in the MA program, students are carefully and thoughtfully mentored by faculty members who provide advice not only on how to get into PhD programs but also on how to best promote themselves to obtain funding and other forms of support.

**How do I apply to your graduate program?**

You must apply to both the university and department. To get started, visit: [https://www2.calstate.edu/apply](https://www2.calstate.edu/apply)

**What is the GPA requirements for admissions into the MA degree?**

With the exception of the Biological Anthropology option, applicants must have a baccalaureate in anthropology and a 2.75 grade point average in the last 60 semester units attempted and a B (3.0) grade point average in anthropology courses. The Biological Anthropology option requires a 3.0 grade point average in the last 60 units attempted.

**Does your program require the GRE?**

No

**How many recommendation letters does your degree program require?**

Two

**Whom should I get the recommendation letters from, professors or employers?**

We suggest that prospective students get recommendation letters from people who know their academic work and promise and also from people who know their work ethic.
Do you have any tips on how to write a personal statement?

Among other things, make sure you write about yourself, your history, your interests and passions, what inspired you to apply to graduate school. Please make sure to mention both the research that you have done in the past, the research you might envision undertaking while at Cal State L.A., and how you imagine yourself fitting into our program. Let us know about the hardships you have overcome to get where you are and what difficulties you imagine you might have going forward. Be honest and fearless.

When do you accept students into your graduate program in Fall or Spring or both?

We only accept applications for entry in the Fall Semester.

What are the admission deadlines?

You can find the University and Department Deadlines at this website: www.calstatela.edu/admissions/deadlines

What is the cost to attend graduate school?

You can find information regarding tuition and fees on the Student Financial Services website at http://www.calstatela.edu/sfinserv/cashiers-office

Does your department offer any GA or TA positions? If so, what is the eligibility requirement to apply for a GA or TA position?

Our department offers both GA (graduate assistant) and TA (teaching associate) positions. Once in the program, students must apply for these positions. Students are usually only awarded these positions after they have completed their first year of graduate study.

Is this degree program co-horted?

No

When are your graduate classes typically offered during the day or at night?

Most of our graduate classes are offered in the evenings.

Whom can I contact in the department, if I have additional questions?

Ms. Maricela Godinez, Anthropology Department Coordinator; Email: mgodin18@calstatela.edu; Phone: (323) 343-2440

Are there any additional resources or funding opportunities for graduate student at CSULA?

For resources and funding opportunities, please visit the Graduate Studies webpage at http://www.calstatela.edu/graduatestudies