DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN THE FIELD OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Anthropology is the study of human difference and diversity in the present and the past. In its broad focus on humanity, anthropology brings together the humanities, natural sciences and social sciences.

GW anthropology is committed to integrating humanistic and scientific perspectives while pursuing advanced research of the highest quality. Our graduate programs in anthropology take advantage of the resources available in the nation’s capital, including our 120-year-old relationship with the Smithsonian Institution. Our location places us in a prime position for studying and collaborating with refugee and immigrant communities, policymakers, nongovernmental organizations, the news media and numerous scientific and educational organizations.

THE PhD program trains students in the four fields of sociocultural anthropology, archaeology, linguistic anthropology, and biological anthropology while providing training in areas of more specialized interest. Students pursue independent research in preparation to become practicing anthropologists. The curriculum develops intellectual creativity, effective communication skills, and rigorous scholarship with a focus on applying anthropological theory and method to the study of contemporary social problems.

All students are strongly encouraged to complete an internship where they communicate anthropology to a general public. Students admitted to the program receive a fellowship and may take advantage of GW’s partnerships with the Smithsonian Institution and Washington, D.C.’s archival collections and policy-making institutions. All PhD candidates must complete a dissertation that demonstrates their ability to do original research.

There are two separate PhD programs affiliated with the Anthropology department (Anthropology and Human Paleobiology), with separate admissions procedures. Please be sure that you are submitting your application to the correct program.

ADMISSIONS

Admission deadlines:
- Fall - December 1
- Standardized test scores: GRE general test (institutional code 5246). Waived for applicants who hold a JD, MD, or PhD.

For more information on the admission process, please visit the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Frequently Asked Questions (http://columbian.gwu.edu/graduate/admissions/faqs/) page.
Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:
Columbian College of Arts and Sciences – Graduate Admissions Office
The George Washington University
801 22nd Street NW, Phillips Hall 215
Washington DC 20052

Contact for questions:
askccas@gwu.edu – 202-994-6210 (phone) – 202-994-6213 (fax)
8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degeregulationstext).

The requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy Program (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#doctoraltext).

72 credits.

Requirements for the first phase of the program

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All students must demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language; an additional language may be required if it is needed for fieldwork or archival research. An internship in anthropology and public life at an institution responsible for communicating anthropological knowledge to diverse audiences is recommended.

Requirements for the second phase of the program

In the second phase, students prepare a research proposal that meets funding agency guidelines and take the general examination in at least three major areas (e.g., a general field in anthropological theory, a geographic area, and a thematically defined field). Following successful completion of the general examination, an oral defense of the student’s research proposal is held. Those who pass advance to candidacy for the PhD and engage in completion and defense of the dissertation.