

Anthropology Non-Thesis Option

1. Take core courses as with the thesis option:
 - 5311 OR 5312
 - 5305
 - 5341
 - 5352
2. Take a minimum of 24 hours of coursework beyond the 12 core hours, 6 hours of which can be a minor.
 - a. Up to 3 hours of 6000 Thesis hours can be converted to 7000 Research hours to fulfill these non-core credit hours.
3. All graduate coursework must receive a grade of B or better to count towards the MA degree.
4. Sometime before their last semester students will choose a three person examination committee to administer a three day exit exam. The exam will be taken sometime during their final semester in the program.
 - a. At least two of these faculty members must be current Anthropology faculty, one of which will be designated the committee chair.
 - b. The third committee member can be any faculty member at Texas Tech or elsewhere that is deemed acceptable by the committee chair.
5. The exit exam will be arranged so that each committee member designs one day of questions. The number and scope of these questions is at the discretion of the committee member through consultation with the committee chair.
 - a. The student will discuss the exam format and question areas with each committee member, and will choose reading lists for each area in consultation with each committee member.
 - b. Each individual committee member can decide which outside materials (including internet access during an exam) will be allowed into the testing room.
6. Upon a satisfactory completion of the written portion of the exam, as decided by the three committee members in consultation with the chair, an oral defense/discussion of the exam areas will be undertaken no later than 14 days after the completion of the written exam.
7. Once a student has successfully completed the 36 hours of coursework and passed all three written exam areas and the oral defense they will receive the MA degree (non-thesis).
 - a. At the discretion of the chair, a student that did not perform satisfactorily on one of the three written exam areas could be given the option to re-do that portion of the test.
 - b. A student cannot retake more than two areas of the written test, nor can they repeat the test if they do not pass the majority of the exam on the first try. If a student fails the exit examination they will be released from the graduate program without a degree.