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About the Department

Faculty members currently conduct research in the Southeastern U.S., the Middle East and North Africa, the Eastern Mediterranean, Central Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

The Masters program has an applied focus, emphasizing cultural resource management in archaeology, biocultural and bioarcheology, forensic anthropology , environmental anthropology, medical anthropology, and applied cultural anthropology. Degree requirements include a thesis, a one-semester or one-summer long internship (5 credit hours), an oral thesis defense, and 25 credit hours of graduate course work. Students may elect to specialize either in applied archaeology, including bioarchaeology, or in applied cultural anthropology.





Application Requirements

University requirements for admission to graduate studies include a minimum undergraduate grade-point average in the last two years of undergraduate academic work of 2.75 on a 4.00 scale and a 3.0 on all graduate work.

Required Materials:

- $60 domestic application fee, $80 international
- Statement of purpose
- Three letters of recommendation
- AMEC Assistantship application
- Official transcript showing BA/BS degree or progress towards degree
- Official transcript showing any work after BA/BS degree

Internships

A one-semester or one-summer long internship is required for this program. Possible internship opportunities include medical examiner's offices, archaeology sites (national or international), museums, CRM firms, National Park Services, local health organizations, health non-profits, environmental non-profits, and government agencies (health and environment).

Students have previously interned with: American Museum of Natural History, Center for American Archaeology (IL), Columbus Forensic Laboratory (MS), Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, Gaining Ground Sustainability Institute of Mississippi, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Mississippi State Medical Examiner's Office, Poverty Point Archaeology Program, Smithsonian Institution, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, and many other clients in the U.S. and abroad.

MA in Applied Anthropology

The **applied cultural anthropology** specialization focuses on economic anthropology, legal anthropology, and historical anthropology. Ethnographic and qualitative research methods, as practiced in applied settings, are emphasized.

The **applied archaeology** specialization focuses on cultural resource management, including archaeological surface survey and excavation methods; artifact analysis; settlement pattern analysis; environmental archaeology; and GIS.

The **applied biological anthropology** specialization focuses on core topics in bioarchaeology and forensic anthropology, including human osteology and skeletal biology; unidentified and missing persons; commingled remains analysis methods; and paleopathology.



