



**MISSISSIPPI STATE**  
UNIVERSITY™

# THE DEPARTMENT OF **ANTHROPOLOGY** & MIDDLE EASTERN CULTURES

IF YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT ANTHROPOLOGY, ARE LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO PURSUE RESEARCH WITH TOP SCHOLARS, AND BELIEVE THAT ANTHROPOLOGISTS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD, AMEC IS THE PLACE FOR YOU.

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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

AMEC offers graduate study leading to a Master of Arts (MA) degree in Applied Anthropology. We focus on preparing students for placement in the public and private sectors as professional anthropologists, as well as preparing them for further graduate study. Our students have an excellent placement rate in the professional workforce and top-tier PhD programs.

Degree requirements include a thesis, an oral thesis defense, an internship, and 25 hours of graduate course work. Students specialize either in applied archaeology, including bioarchaeology, or in applied cultural anthropology.

### Our APPLIED ARCHAEOLOGY program specializes in:

- Archaeological surface survey, remote sensing, and excavation methods; artifact analysis; public archaeology; environmental archaeology.
- Bioarchaeology, paleopathology and paleoepidemiology, and forensic anthropology.
- Cultural resource management, consulting practices, and ethics.
- Faculty expertise spans the U.S., focusing on the South, Western Europe, and the larger Mediterranean region.

### Our APPLIED CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY program specializes in:

- Environmental anthropology, medical anthropology, international development and aid, economic anthropology, business anthropology, and ethnographic research methods.
- Faculty expertise spans the domestic and international spheres: U.S., Latin America, and the Middle East and North Africa.





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your grad school  
experience,  
not your grad school  
tuition**

## **AMEC's Accelerated Master's Program**

The accelerated B.A./M.A. Program in Applied Anthropology (APAN) in the Department of Anthropology & Middle Eastern Cultures (AMEC) enables you to earn up to 12 hours of graduate course credit during your final year of undergraduate studies.

Once admitted, you can complete graduate level courses (6000-level) and receive dual credit for the equivalent undergraduate course (4000-level).

Applications to this program may be made as early as your junior year. Apply in the Spring for admission in the Fall (see How to Apply). You must have completed a minimum of 60 or more hours of graded undergraduate courses at the time of application.

### **To apply you must:**

- 1) Be enrolled at Mississippi State University in the Anthropology BA program in AMEC.
- 2) Have completed a minimum of 60 credit hours of undergraduate coursework.
- 3) Have an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher
- 4) Submit an application packet with at least two reference letters to the Graduate Coordinator.

**You must be accepted into the accelerated program prior to starting graduate courses.**

**If you are interested in applying to the Accelerated Program, you should contact the AMEC undergraduate coordinator and AMEC graduate coordinator prior to submitting an application.**







# Funding, How To Apply & Contact Us

## HOW TO APPLY

### Application deadlines:

- Spring admission: October 15th
- Fall admission (& admission to the accelerated MA program): February 15th

### Admission criteria:

Complete application for graduate study, statement of purpose, letters of recommendation (3), undergraduate transcripts, minimum 3.00 GPA\*, GRE scores & application fee.

### Apply here:

[www.grad.msstate.edu](http://www.grad.msstate.edu)

## FUNDING

We offer Teaching and Research Assistantships to fund our students. To be considered for funding, apply through the "For Assistantship" link on our How to Apply page at [amec.msstate.edu](http://amec.msstate.edu)

## INTERNSHIPS

Our students have completed internships with the American Museum of Natural History, the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History, the Field Museum, the National Museum of Health and Medicine, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Poverty Point Archaeology Program, the Turkish Ministry of Culture & Tourism, the Institute for Palestine Studies, and many more organizations.

## CONTACT US



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\*on the last 60 hours of baccalaureate work