

**CAL POLY HUMBOLDT**  
**University Senate**

**Resolution to Recommend Applied Anthropology MA Program**  
05-22/23-ICC – October 25, 2022 - Curriculum Reading

**RESOLVED:** That the University Senate of Cal Poly Humboldt recommends to the Provost that the Applied Anthropology MA program detailed in [22-1641](#) proposal be approved.

**RATIONALE:** The Applied Anthropology MA program was successfully piloted as a self-support program previously and this proposal is to solidify that program as a permanent offering. As part of the planning to establish the MA program permanently within the five-year pilot program timeline, it was decided collaboratively between the department, college, and CEEGE that the program would move to stateside as the program was experiencing duplicated administrative costs under the self-support configuration. The movement to stateside also benefits students in cost structure, access to stateside resources, and integration of the Anthropology undergraduate and graduate programs. This work to shift the budget stateside extended beyond pilot deadline necessitating the submission of the program proposal through the standard new program proposal processes.

The Applied Anthropology MA is a primarily online program that brings students together for intensives the first week of classes to build community among students, offers core classes entirely online, and includes both online and in-person elective options to meet students' educational interests. The program focuses on the application of anthropological perspectives, methods, theories, and practices to human and environmental problems in academic, professional, and global contexts. Applied anthropology crosses traditional disciplinary boundaries and is relevant to students with backgrounds in the sciences, humanities, and professional studies. Students prepare for a variety of careers in today's academic, non-academic, and increasingly global job market. The department of Anthropology and ICC support this proposal and believe the Applied Anthropology MA will provide students with advanced knowledge and skills to be leaders in the field of Anthropology.

**Masters of Arts in Applied Anthropology Program Learning Outcomes**

1. Communicate substantive knowledge of the field of applied anthropology, and adeptly apply disciplinary principles, theories, methods and approaches to address complex issues within academic and non-academic settings.
2. Demonstrate expertise in a focus area; evaluate, design, and apply relevant research in that area.

3. Employ a wide range of graduate-level academic and professional skills enabling one to function effectively in academic and non-academic settings.
4. Demonstrate professional ethics and social responsibility in anthropological practice.
5. Demonstrate critical awareness of our globalized world and recognize multiculturalism and diversity as fundamental characteristics.

## **Masters of Arts in Applied Anthropology Curriculum**

### **Unit Requirement: 33**

#### **Core Courses (21-24 units)**

ANTH 670 (3) Core Concepts in Applied Anthropology

ANTH 671 (3) Methods in Applied Anthropology

ANTH 672 (3) Theory in Applied Anthropology

ANTH 674 (3) Project Design & Management

ANTH 676 (3) Anthropological Engagements

ANTH 682 (3) Internship Field/Placement

ANTH 690 (6) Thesis/Project, **OR**

ANTH 691 (3) Comprehensive Exam

#### **Elective Courses (9-12 units)**

Students on the comprehensive exam track (ANTH 691) complete 12 units of approved elective courses. Students on the thesis or project track (ANTH 690) complete 9 units of approved elective courses.

The following are Anthropology graduate level electives that may fulfill elective requirements with advisor approval. Students may also select other courses with advisor approval.

ANTH 559 - Variable Topics in Archaeology

ANTH 618 - Qualitative Methods and Analysis

ANTH 621 - Anthropology and Globalization

ANTH 637 - Applied Biological Anthropology

ANTH 654 - Cultural Resources Management

ANTH 679 - Applied Anthropology Region

ANTH 680 - Graduate Seminar (rotating topics)

ANTH 681 - Advanced Research Training

## **Associated Course Proposals**

### [ANTH - 670 - Course Change - 22-1673](#)

Change from 2 to 3 units. Update course title from Introduction to Applied Anthropology to Core Concepts in Applied Anthropology. Change course description to 'Explore anthropological perspectives, theories, and practices, and examine academic, professional, and global contexts in which they are applied; deliberate and evaluate the principles, values and contributions of anthropological approaches.' Remove co-requisite: ANTH 671.

### [ANTH 671 - Course Change - 22-1674](#)

Change C-Classification from C-7 to C-5. Update course description to 'Examine methods pertinent to applied aspects of anthropology as a whole and within the subdisciplines'. Remove co-requisite: ANTH 670.

### [ANTH 672 - Course Change - 22-1675](#)

Change course description to 'Connect anthropological theory and practice to address human problems in concrete settings. Develop skills to critically evaluate and effectively communicate about problems and interactions between humans and their environments.'

### [ANTH 673 - Course Deletion - 22-1676](#)

Delete course and remove from the MA Applied Anthropology program.

### [ANTH 674 - Course Change - 22-1677](#)

Update course title. Update course description to 'Study methods and strategies for designing and managing research and applied projects. Develop testable questions and measurable outcomes, design lab/fieldwork, complete literature review/research, design data/project management plans, learn to prepare grant proposals, and practice peer review and proposal evaluation'. Remove co-requisite: ANTH 671.

### [ANTH 676 - New Course -22-1678](#)

Anthropological Engagements (3) - Explore forms of anthropological engagement, such as: collaboration, advocacy, activism, support, and education. Evaluate approaches to engaging the public, stakeholders, and clients. Study methods for informing, designing, and facilitating events, meetings, courses, workshops, and informational resources. The material that makes up

this course was previously spread across other courses, including two that are being eliminated (ANTH 673 and 678).

[ANTH 678 - Course Suspension - 22-1682](#)

Suspend course and remove from the MA Applied Anthropology program curriculum.

[ANTH 682 - Course Change - 22-1679](#)

Change course title to 'Internship/Field Placement'. Change course description to 'Engage directly in anthropology-related work, such as in research libraries, museums, community organizations, field programs, government agencies, and/or other agencies; enhance knowledge of sources, methodologies, institutional cultures, and work environments'. Remove pre-requisite: ANTH 670 and 671.

[ANTH 690 - Course Change - 22-1680](#)

Change course description to 'Thesis/project research, writing, revision in response to committee feedback, and presentation of thesis or project for committee evaluation.'

[ANTH 618 - Course Change - 22-1681](#)

Change course description to 'Learn and apply qualitative research methods and analysis (participant observation, interviews, artifact and qualitative data analysis). Collect and analyze data, and communicate results'. Remove pre-requisite: ANTH 670 & 671.

[ANTH 559 - New Course- 21-1683](#)

Variable Topics in Archaeology (1-4) In-depth study of modern approaches and growing fields of interest across archaeology. Topics vary.