



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

# College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Major: Anthropology

Degree: M.A.

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## Student Learning Outcomes and proposed Methods for collecting data (from assessment plan)

Student Learning Outcomes			Methods of Assessment
1	All subfields	Demonstrate a high level of competency in 1A) biological anthropology, 1B) linguistic anthropology, 1C) cultural anthropology and 1D) archaeology to gain entry-level employment related to that area or in settings where that knowledge is a useful ancillary asset.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writing Assessment (1)</li> <li>• Comprehensive Exam (1)</li> <li>• Qualifying Exam (1)</li> <li>• Proposal (2,4)</li> <li>• Oral Defense Thesis (3,6)</li> <li>• Statistics or Language Classes (4)</li> <li>• Alumni Surveys (5)</li> <li>• Grad program admission (6)</li> </ul>
1A	Biological Anthropology	Apply knowledge of evolutionary theory and evolutionary history to explain: a) the process of natural selection and the factors shaping the physical body, brains, and behavior of humans and non-human primates b) the ecology of human and non-human primates	
1B	Linguistic Anthropology	Apply knowledge of anthropological and linguistic theory and research to explain: a) how language reflects human relationships, shapes interactions, and relates to cognition b) how linguistic diversity shapes human relationships and interactions	
1C	Cultural Anthropology	Apply knowledge of anthropological theory and research to explain: a) how cultural diversity shapes human relationships and interactions b) the implications of bio-cultural diversity for contemporary society	
1D	Archaeology	Apply knowledge of archaeological theory and research to explain: a) how past cultural, linguistic, and biological diversity has shaped human societies b) the implications of the past and the practice of archaeology for contemporary society	
2	All subfields	Develop an original research project and prepare written summaries and reports on the project.	
3	All subfields	Effectively communicate the results of a research project to peers or other professionals in an oral presentation.	
4	All subfields	Comprehend a) basic statistical analyses (for archaeology and biological anthropology students) b) a second language (for cultural and linguistic students)	
5	All subfields	Be prepared for employment in an area of anthropology.	
6	All subfields	Be prepared to apply for an advanced degree.	