

Department: Anthropology

Vision:

The vision of the Department of Anthropology is to become the premier, accessible anthropology program in South Texas that values a diverse community engaged in discovery, expression, and reflection.

Mission:

The mission of the UTRGV Department of Anthropology is to promote a broad understanding of the complexity and diversity of the human experience, past and present. The faculty are committed to excellence in our teaching, research, and service to the University and the wider community. Our primary goal is to help students develop the intellectual curiosity, practical skills, and vision needed for living and working in a culturally diverse, interconnected world. We do this by fueling interest in people and their lives, and by translating this interest into real outcomes.

PROFILE

Majors: We offer three versions of the B.A. degree in anthropology:

- B.A. Anthropology
- B.A. Anthropology with a concentration in Archaeology
- B.A. Anthropology with a concentration in Global Health & Migration

Graduate Programs:

- Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS), Anthropology concentration

Students (as of 1.2020)

- Number of Majors: 80
- Number of Graduate Students: 13

Faculty

- Number of Faculty: 7
- Ranks: Professors 3 Associate Prof. Assistant Prof. 3 Lecturers 1
- Names of faculty: Roseann Bacha-Garza, M.A.; Guy Duke, Ph.D.; Margaret Graham, Ph.D.; Servando Hinojosa, Ph.D.; Sarah Rowe, Ph.D.; Rosalynn Vega, Ph.D.; and William Yaworsky, Ph.D.
- For additional info on faculty teaching and research interests, see <https://webapps.utrgv.edu/aa/dm/index.cfm?action=faculty>
- Department Chair: Dr. Margaret Graham (Margaret.graham@utrgv.edu)

Campus Program Offerings

NOTE: An anthropology major was not available at UTB. We have one faculty member located there. We are building our presence on the Brownsville campus and developing more hybrid and online versions of our courses.

86 % of BA program is available at both campuses (*face-to-face, online, hybrid, or ITV*). 71% for the archaeology and global health & migration concentrations. These are new concentrations in fall 2019. Currently there are no faculty on BRW campus with these specializations.

80 % of BA program in the first 2 years of study per major map are available at both campuses (*face-to-face, online, hybrid, ITV*)

100 % of BA program in the upper division are available at both campuses (*face-to-face, online, hybrid, ITV*)

83 % of anthropology courses in the MAIS anthropology concentration graduate program are available at both campuses (*face-to-face, online, hybrid, ITV*)

The percentages above are for the general BA degree.

As of 1.2020, two required courses for anthropology major--ANTH 2302 and ANTH 4345--are only offered on the Edinburg campus. ANTH 4345 is only taught in fall semesters; it is also required for the anthropology minor. ANTH 6345 is required for the MAIS and only offered in fall semesters in Edinburg. We want to hire new faculty to help us balance the program offerings on both campuses.

Stats & Highlights:

- After 31 years as a degree-offering program, we became a free-standing Department of Anthropology on 1 Sept. 2019.
- Many hands-on, experiential learning opportunities (Archaeology Field School in Ecuador, internships, service-learning courses)
- Faculty-directed student research opportunities
- Close collaboration with Community Historic Archaeology Project in Schools (CHAPS) and the Border Studies Archive (BSA)

Success Stories/"Bragging"

- UTRGV Anthropology degree ranked among best values in the country in 2017 by College Values Online.com
- Internationally-recognized, award-winning (NEH, Ford Foundation, Fulbright, UTRGV Faculty Excellence Award) faculty with active research agendas leading to publication.
- Successful alumni with anthropology-related careers in museums (e.g., Smithsonian Institution National Museum of American History), social service agencies, cultural resource management companies, and governments. Multiple students have or are pursuing Ph.D. degrees in anthropology at other institutions. One alum has appointment as Assistant Professor at Mississippi State University.

Traditions

- Member of Lambda Alpha, the national Anthropology Honor Society;
- Active Anthropology Club led by anthropology students
- Support the International Archeology Fair in Cameron County in October
- Commemorative anthropology pin awarded at graduation
- Member of American Anthropological Association Department Services Program

Mantra/Slogan: "Humanity, past and present"