Graduate M.A. Interdisciplinary Studies Program (MAIS) in Anthropology @ UTRGV (revised 8.1.22)



**Overview**

UT Rio Grande Valley offers interdisciplinary degree programs at the graduate level, including a Master of Arts in interdisciplinary studies. Graduate courses available in anthropology enable graduate students to:

1. Complete a Master of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in anthropology.
2. Take graduate anthropology courses as electives within other graduate programs.

Students pursuing either option are expected to meet with the anthropology coordinator or other anthropology faculty to develop a program of study.

**Admission Requirements**

To be admitted to the graduate program with a concentration in anthropology, prospective candidates must first meet all requirements for graduate admission to UT Rio Grande Valley, as well as the other requirements listed below:

1. Undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 in the last 60 semester credit hours. If applicant does not meet the minimum undergraduate GPA criterion, a GRE general test is required for conditional admission.
2. Statement of purpose and goals for pursuing the degree
3. Resume
4. Two letters of recommendation, at least one of them from an academic source.

Application for admission must be submitted prior to the published deadline. The application is available at [www.utrgv.edu/gradapply](https://www.utrgv.edu/graduate/onlineapplication/index.htm).

**Program Requirements**

Choose one of the following options:

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Thesis Option

* 18 hours in Discipline One (concentration area)
* 6 hours in Discipline Two
* 6 hours in Discipline Three

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Capstone Requirement - 6 Hours of Thesis

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| [ANTH 7300](https://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2021-2022/2021-2022-Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/7000/ANTH-7300) | Thesis I |
| [ANTH 7301](https://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2021-2022/2021-2022-Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/7000/ANTH-7301) | Thesis II |

Non-Thesis Option

* 18 hours in Discipline One (concentration area)
* 9 hours in Discipline Two
* 9 hours in Discipline Three

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Capstone Requirement - Completion of Research Paper from [ANTH 6345](https://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2021-2022/2021-2022-Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6345)

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TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 36

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**Graduate Anthropology Courses (2022-23 Catalog)**

* [ANTH 6303 Forensic Anthropology](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6303-Forensic-Anthropology)
* [ANTH 6304 Indians of North America](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6304)
* [ANTH 6305 Great Discoveries in Archaeology](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6305)
* [ANTH 6306 Anthropology of Borders](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6306)
* [ANTH 6307 Shipwrecks, Pirates and the Sea: An Introduction to Maritime Archaeology and History](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6307)
* [ANTH 6308 Comparative Colonialisms in the Americas](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6308)
* [ANTH 6309 Anthropology of Sex and Gender](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6309)
* [ANTH 6310 Food and Culture](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6310)
* [ANTH 6311 Medical Anthropology](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6311-Medical-Anthropology)
* [ANTH 6312 Political and Legal Anthropology](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6312)
* [ANTH 6314 Environmental Anthropology](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6314)
* [ANTH 6315 Discovering the Rio Grande Valley](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6315)
* [ANTH 6317 Field Experience of the Borderlands](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6317)
* [ANTH 6320 Anthropology of Conflict and Human Rights](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6320)
* [ANTH 6323 Mexican American Culture](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6323)
* [ANTH 6333 U.S. and Other World Cultures](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6333)
* [ANTH 6337 Foundations of Ethnomusicology/Anthropology of Music](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6337)
* [ANTH 6338 Music Ethnography & Methods](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6338)
* [ANTH 6345 Anthropological Method and Theory](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6345)
* [ANTH 6348 Peoples and Cultures of Mexico](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6348)
* [ANTH 6350 Mexican American Folk Medicine](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6350)
* [ANTH 6351 Global Health: Critical Perspectives](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6351)
* [ANTH 6363 Interpreting the Past: Theory and Method in Archaeology](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6363)
* [ANTH 6365 Archaeology of South America](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6365)
* [ANTH 6369 Archaeology of Mexico and Central America](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6369)
* [ANTH 6374 Archaeology of North America](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6374)
* [ANTH 6375 Mexican American Folklore](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6375)
* [ANTH 6377 Global Cultural Heritage Issues and Debates](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6377)
* [ANTH 6385 Topics in Anthropology](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6385)
* [ANTH 6390 Directed Studies](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/6000/ANTH-6390)
* [ANTH 7100 Thesis](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/7000/ANTH-7100)
* [ANTH 7300 Thesis I](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/7000/ANTH-7300)
* [ANTH 7301 Thesis II](http://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Courses/ANTH-Anthropology/7000/ANTH-7301)