



GRADUATE INFORMATION SESSION

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ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT



University
of Victoria

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*We acknowledge and respect the Lək'wəŋən
(Songhees and Esquimalt) Peoples on whose
territory the university stands, and the Lək'wəŋən
and W̱SÁNEĆ Peoples whose historical
relationships with the land continue to this day.*

HOSTS

- Dr. Daromir Rudnycky
 - Professor & Graduate advisor
- Dr. Alex Boudreault-Fournier
 - Acting chair, associate professor & past grad advisor
- Graydon Smith
 - MA alum & current PhD student
- Jindra Belanger
 - Graduate & Undergraduate program assistant



ANTH GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- MA or PhD
 - in Anthropology
 - Applications reviewed/final approval made by the ANTH graduate committee
 - with concentration in CSPT (Cultural, Social and Political Thought)
 - Final approval for the concentration made by the CSPT admissions committee
 - with freestanding certificate in Indigenous Nationhood (IN)
 - You apply separately for this
 - in interdisciplinary studies (with ANTH as home department)
 - Applications reviewed/final approval made by the INTD admissions committee



FOUR INTEGRATIVE RESEARCH AREAS

- Evolution & Ecology
- Space, Place, Knowledge and Power
- Culture, Health and Inequality
- Visual Anthropology and Materiality

Evolution and Ecology



This research theme connects the traditional subfields of archaeology and biological anthropology to address questions of how humans and non-human primates relate to their environments over both short and long-term time scales.

[Learn more: Evolution and ecology](#)

Space, Place, Knowledge and Power



This research theme works across anthropological and archaeological approaches to see the significance of social spaces, meaningful places and the situated nature of knowledge, through ideas of belonging, cultural landscapes, displacement, borders, land tenure, and built environments—in shaping human life.

[Learn more: Space, place, knowledge and power](#)

Culture, Health and Inequality



This research theme recognizes the significance of understanding the role of social inequality and cultural interpretations in shaping human experience and addressing pressing global issues.

[Learn more: Culture, health & inequality](#)

Visual Anthropology and Materiality



This research theme connects the work of visual and cultural anthropologists with archaeologists who are investigating human visual communication and the cultural effects of the production, circulation and consumption of images and objects.

[Learn more: Visual Anthropology and materiality](#)

HOW TO APPLY

- Deadline for all applications - January 15
- Start time – September
- Frequently asked questions:

www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/anthropology/graduate/apply/index.php

- Applications are submitted to Graduate Admissions and Records Office (GARO), reviewed by them and only then forwarded to our department for decision



CHOOSING A SUPERVISOR

- Not required, but strongly encouraged
- Find out faculty with similar research interest and reach out
- Supervisor's agreement to take you on does not guarantee your acceptance into the program

Faculty & staff

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Office

Faculty

Cross-listed & Limited Term Faculty

Staff

Emeriti

Adjunct professors

Post-Doctoral Fellows

Senior lab & tutorial instructors


Sessional instructors

Office

The Department of Anthropology general office is in [Cornett Building \(COR\) B228](#). We're in the office Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. & work remotely on Fridays.

[More contact information](#)

Faculty



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FUNDING

- Anthropology department funding (varies)
 - TA positions (dependent on availability)
 - Graduate awards and fellowships (dependent on UVic rules/guidelines)
 - Individual faculty grants (dependent on faculty)
- UVic awards and fellowships
 - Emails/opportunities shared with our current grad students
- External funding
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- Emergency funding
 - Through SAFA (Student Awards and Financial Aid) office



DECISIONS

We do our best to notify students by the end of March or beginning of April.



TIME TO COMPLETION

MA

- 2 years
 - 1st year – coursework
 - 2nd year – research & thesis

PhD

- 4 years
 - 2 year residency: coursework
 - 3rd – 4th year: research & dissertation



FAQ

- Can I apply before I complete my previous degree?
 - Yes – you just need to complete your previous degree before September
- How is admission determined?
 - Admissions decisions are based on a variety of factors:
 - ✓ the applicant's scholarly promise as evidenced by transcripts
 - ✓ statement of interest, letters of recommendation and written work
 - ✓ availability of faculty to supervise the applicant's research
 - ✓ number of students currently enrolled in the program
- How many students usually apply and how many are accepted?
 - We receive between 30-50 applications per year
 - We accept between 10-15 applicants per year
- How many grad students are currently in the program?
 - 38 (18 MA & 20 PhD)



STUDENTS' QUESTIONS AT THE SESSION

How does a 1-year MA program compare to UVic's program?

- These programs tend to be course-based with no research component, so may not prepare you for a PhD
- They may prepare you for job = good option if you don't wish to go on to do PhD
- Best to contact the department offering those programs and ask them directly



What do you think of completing all your degrees at the same university?

- Understandable especially in today's world (given the high cost of living/moving)
- Advise against three degrees (undergraduate, MA & PhD) from one school, but two are probably OK

Can you take a year off between undergraduate and graduate school?

- Yes –stay in touch with your potential supervisor and/or faculty who you want to write reference letters so they remember you. Also apply for the CGS-M and CGS-D (SSHRC or NSERC funding) in the fall before you start.



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US



QUESTIONS?

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