MEMORANDUM

TO: Edward Montgomery
Dean, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

FROM: Phyllis Peres
Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to modify the curriculum in the Master of Applied Anthropology (PCC log no. 05035)

At its meeting today, the Senate Committee on Programs, Curricula, and Courses approved your proposal to modify the curriculum of the Master of Applied Anthropology, contingent upon final approval of the proposal to establish a Ph.D. in Anthropology (PCC log no. 05020). A copy of the approved proposal is enclosed.

The changes are effective in Fall 2006. The College should ensure that the new requirements are fully described in the Graduate Catalog and in all relevant descriptive materials, and that all advisors are informed.

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Enclosure

cc: James Baeder, Chair, Senate PCC
Sarah Bauder, Student Financial Aid
Mary Giles, University Senate
Barbara Hope, Data Administration
Anne Turkos, Archives
Linda Yokoi, Records & Registrations
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
PROGRAM/CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

DIRECTIONS:
• Provide one form with original approval signatures in lines 1 - 4 for each proposed action. Keep this form to one page in length.
• Early consultation with the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning & Programs is strongly recommended if there are questions or concerns, particularly with new programs.
• Please submit the signed form to Claudia Rector, Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs, 1119 Main Administration Building, Campus.
• Please email the rest of the proposal as an MSWord attachment to pcc-submissions@umd.edu.

DATE SUBMITTED_January 13, 2006

COLLEGE/SCHOOL_Behavioral and Social Sciences

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM_Anthropology

PROPOSED ACTION (A separate form for each) ADD_____ DELETE_____ CHANGE__X__

DESCRIPTION (Provide a succinct account of the proposed action. Details should be provided in an attachment. Provide old and new sample programs for curriculum changes.)

This proposal requests change to the curriculum of the Anthropology Department’s Master of Applied Anthropology (MAA) program

JUSTIFICATION/REASONS/RESOURCES (Briefly explain the reason for the proposed action. Identify the source of new resources that may be required. Details should be provided in an attachment.)

The Anthropology Department is submitting a proposal for a PhD program concurrently with this document. This proposal specifies changes that need to be made to the Master’s program in order to accommodate the PhD. The rationale for these changes is provided in greater detail in the accompanying PhD proposal.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES

1. Department Committee Chair

   Paul Stochel / JAS

   1/17/2006

2. Department Chair

   1/17/2006

3. College/School PCC Chair

   1/26/06

4. Dean

   1/26/06

5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)

   2/17/06

6. Chair, Senate PCC

   2/17/06

7. Chair of Senate

   2/17/06

8. Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost

   2/17/06
PROPOSAL TO MODIFY CURRICULUM FOR MASTER OF APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY (MAA) DEGREE

This is a proposal to modify the curriculum for the Department of Anthropology’s Master of Applied Anthropology (MAA) degree program. These changes are submitted concurrently with a proposal to offer a Ph.D. degree in Anthropology at the University of Maryland, College Park, and are contingent upon approval of that proposal.

The Master of Applied Anthropology degree was established on this campus in 1984. It is a unique, 42 semester hour graduate program that is broadly recognized within our discipline for its innovative approach to career-oriented education and scholarship. The rationales for the proposed changes are:

1. To enable a smooth transition between the MAA program and the newly proposed Ph.D. program. Further details regarding the relationship between the two programs are provided in the proposal for the Ph.D. degree.

2. The proposed changes are also deemed to be beneficial to the MAA program alone, in that: (1) they provide added depth to the anthropological coursework that will be required of our MAA students; and (2) they provide each student with a graduate level introduction to each of the three major subfields represented in the department. This can be accomplished without diminishing the original intent of the degree.

A. Current Requirements

The Master of Applied Anthropology degree is a 42 semester hour program. Students are required to complete an internship, generally during the summer after completing the first year requirements.

Students are required to complete a 12 semester hour core sequence to include:
- ANTH 601  Applied Anthropology
- ANTH 606  Methods of Cultural Analysis I
- ANTH 630  Quantitative Approaches to Applied Anthropology
- ANTH 670  Current Developments in Anthropological Theory

Students are required to complete one “track” course related to their special interest in the program. Four such courses are offered:
- ANTH 610  Culture, Health and Community Development
- ANTH 625  Applied Biological Anthropology
- ANTH 640  Historical Archaeology
- ANTH 650  Resource Management and Cultural Process
Students are also required to complete a 12 semester hour internship sequence:

- ANTH 701  Internship Preparation
- ANTH 789  Internship (normally 6 semester hours)
- ANTH 712  Internship Analysis

The remaining 15 semester hours of coursework are determined under the direction of the student’s major advisor and advisory committee. Depending on each student’s needs, this requirement may be fulfilled with additional coursework in anthropology, with coursework in other disciplines that is related to the student’s academic and professional interests, or some combination of the two.

B. New Requirements

No new courses are required to implement the changes in this proposal.

Two changes to the above described curriculum are proposed. The first is that students will be required to complete three of the former track courses rather than one. The three required courses (with slightly modified course titles) will become a part of a new core requirement. They are:

- ANTH 625  Theory and Practice of Applied Biological Anthropology
- ANTH 640  Theory and Practice of Historical Archaeology
- And Choice of:
  - ANTH 610  Theory and Practice of Health & Community Development, or
  - ANTH 650  Theory and Practice of Environmental Anthropology

This change will provide all students with a graduate level introduction to three of the major subfields of our discipline (archaeology, biological, and cultural or sociocultural anthropology). Such a goal is consistent with our plans for a Ph.D. program as well as with our interest in stressing the interrelationships between major subfields.

The second change is to eliminate one currently required core course. This course is ANTH 670 (Current Developments in Anthropological Theory). The rationale for this change is that the three required subdiscipline courses described above will be revised to include consideration of theoretical advances in each of these fields. Students continuing to the doctorate will be required to take an additional theory course (ANTH 770 Theories of Practice and Utility). This course is described in the Ph.D. proposal.

ANTH 670 (Current Developments in Anthropological Theory) will still be available to graduate students as an elective offering.

These changes will result in a reduction in the number of elective courses that are taken under advisement from 15 semester hours of coursework to 12 semester hours of coursework.

In addition to these changes, we note that students admitted to the new Ph.D. program from a bachelor’s degree will be required to complete the requirements for the MAA,
although they may be allowed to substitute the internship sequence with additional coursework under departmentally approved circumstances.

C. Sample Program (Current)

Following is an example of a typical course of study for a student currently enrolled in the MAA program. (* indicates core course; **indicates required “track” course and varies with student interests)

First Semester (Fall Term Only)
  ANTH 601   Applied Anthropology*
  ANTH 606   Methods of Cultural Analysis I*
  ANTH 640   Historical Archaeology**

Second Semester
  ANTH 630   Quantitative Approaches to Applied Anthropology*
  ANTH 701   Internship Preparation
  One Additional Course in Area of Specialization

Summer Term
  ANTH 789   Internship (typically 6 semester hours)

Third Semester
  ANTH 670   Current Developments in Anthropological Theory*
  ANTH 712   Internship Analysis
  One Additional Course in Area of Specialization

Fourth Semester
  Three Additional Courses in Area of Specialization

All courses in the student’s area of specialization are selected in consultation with the student’s major advisor and advisory committee and are intended to form a cohesive combination of courses that are supportive of the student’s academic and professional aims.

Courses in an area of specialization may include courses from outside the department, and usually do, but no specific course from another department is required for completion of the degree.

D. Sample Program (Proposed)

Following is an example of a typical course of study under the proposed curriculum changes. (*indicates core requirement)
First Semester (Fall Term Only)
  ANTH 601  Applied Anthropology*
  ANTH 606  Qualitative Methods in Applied Anthropology*
  ANTH 640  Theory and Practice of Historical Archaeology*

Second Semester
  ANTH 630  Quantification and Statistics in Applied Anthropology*
  ANTH 701  Internship Preparation
  ANTH 650  Theory and Practice of Environmental Anthropology*

Summer Term
  ANTH 789  Internship (typically 6 semester hours)

Third Semester
  ANTH 625  Theory and Practice of Applied Biological Anthropology
  ANTH 712  Internship Analysis
  One Additional Course in Area of Specialization

Fourth Semester
  Three Additional Courses in Area of Specialization

All courses in the student’s area of specialization are selected in consultation with the student’s major advisor and advisory committee and are intended to form a cohesive combination of courses that are supportive of the student’s academic and professional aims.

As is currently the case, courses in an area of specialization may include courses from outside the department, and usually do, but no specific course from another department is required for completion of the degree.

E. Current Students in the MAA Program

Students enrolled in the program prior to the effective date of any curriculum change may complete their program under the old requirements if they wish. All the courses needed to fulfill the old requirements will still be offered on a regular basis.