

M.S. Degree in Maritime Archaeology and Conservation

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Degree Requirements and Courses:

Total Credits: 32 hours (minimum)

Required Courses (16 hours):

- ANTH 605 Conservation of Archaeological Resources I (4 hours)
- ANTH 608 Skills in Maritime Archaeology (3 hours)
- ANTH 611 Introduction to Nautical Archaeology (3 hours)
- ANTH 615 History of Wooden Shipbuilding (3 hours)
- ANTH 616 Research and Reconstruction of Ships (3 hours)

Internship Requirement

All students will be expected to complete an internship and/or fieldwork experience. Students may opt to receive academic credit for this experience. Students will complete the internship during the summer after their 1st year in the program. The internship might involve work at the Conservation Research Laboratory (CRL), fieldwork on an underwater archaeological excavation, or an internship at a museum. Students should have their plans for the internship approved by their advisor, the Director of Graduate Studies and/or the Director of the Center for Maritime Archaeology and Conservation.

- ANTH 660 Field Archaeology (optional 3 hours)
- ANTH 684 Anthropological Internship (optional 3 hours)

Thesis Requirement:

All students will also be required to write a short thesis in order to complete the degree. The completion of a thesis is essential for obtaining certain types of positions as professional archaeologists and also to be listed on the Registry of Professional Archaeologists (RPA). Students should start working on the thesis during their first year, and the thesis proposal should be completed by the end of the spring semester. Students will enroll for a minimum of 1 and no more than 3 hours ANTH 691 during the course of their graduate studies in the M.S. degree program.

- ANTH 691 Research Hours (1-3 hours maximum)

Scientific Diving Requirement (Optional 3 hours)

All Texas A&M University students who scuba dive on a project that relates to their degree must complete Scientific Diving prior to that experience. The department currently offers a 3-hour Scientific Diving course during the January mini-mester. This course may be used to fulfill the scientific diving requirement. The course provides students with certification in Scientific Diving for up to 60 feet. Note: This course is in addition to the 32 hours required for the M.S. degree.

Recommended Elective Courses (10-15 hours):

Students will complete a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 15 hours of electives from the list below. Students may petition for other anthropology courses to be used to meet the elective course requirement.

- ANTH 602 Archaeological Methods and Theory
- ANTH 603 Seafaring Life and Maritime Communities
- ANTH 606 Conservation of Archaeological Resources II
- ANTH 607 Historical Archaeology
- ANTH 610 Outfitting and Sailing the Wooden Ship 1400-1900
- ANTH 612 Pre-Classical Seafaring
- ANTH 613 Classical Seafaring
- ANTH 614 Books and Treatises on Shipbuilding
- ANTH 617 Conservation III
- ANTH 618 Medieval Seafaring in the Mediterranean
- ANTH 628 New World Seafaring
- ANTH 629 Post-Medieval Seafaring
- ANTH 633 Deep-Submergence Archaeology
- ANTH 642 Research Design in Anthropology
- ANTH 644 Classical Archaeology
- ANTH 645 Cultural Resource Management
- ANTH 685 Directed Studies
- ANTH 689 Special Topics

Timeline for Completing the M.S. Degree

The duration of the M.S. is two academic years, as indicated in the program below:

1st Semester (minimum of 10 hours)

ANTH 605 – Conservation I (4 credit hours)

ANTH 611 – Introduction to Nautical Archaeology (3 credit hours)

ANTH 615 – History of Wooden Shipbuilding (3 credit hours)

January Mini-semester (optional 3 hours)

ANTH 489 – Scientific Diving (3 credit hours)

2nd Semester (minimum of 10 hours)

ANTH 608 – Skills in Maritime Archaeology (3 credit hours)

ANTH 616 – Research and Reconstruction (3 credit hours)

Elective course from list (Optional 3 credit hours)

ANTH 691 - Research Hours –Approving the thesis proposal and the thesis table of contents (1 credit hour)

Summer Semester (optional 3 hours)

The summer semester will consist of either an internship or excavation training, either in the Conservation Research Laboratory at A&M Riverside Campus, or in other institutions, such as museums, state offices, the Park Service, private companies, etc.

3rd Semester (minimum of 6 hours)

Two elective courses (3 credit hours each)

4th Semester (minimum of 6 hours)

Two elective courses (3 credit hours each)

Graduation (May)

Summer Semester (optional w/ minimum of 1 credit hour)

Complete requirements for graduation.

Optional: Acquire additional experience in a field or lab setting.

Graduation (August)

* The final semesters of coursework will vary slightly depending on the target graduation date.