

Information Every Anthropology Graduate Student Wants To Know

General CSULB Anthropology Graduate Information

Writing Proficiency Exam (WPE)

- Must take first semester. Two test dates are offered each semester on a Saturday. Check CSULB Testing Services for exact dates. You must register a month prior to the testing date so check dates right away.

http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/students2/testing/test_information/wpe/

Language Requirement - must be completed before graduation. Plan for learning language must be approved by the Anthropology Graduate Advisor in the first semester.

Advancement to Candidacy – usually during second semester after 6-9 units have been completed and the WPE is passed. Must do advancement before beginning thesis work.

Thesis/Project

- Think of a topic – first semester
- Find a site for internship - start looking right away. Internship is done in summer after your first year. 150 hours on site required. Set up research site semester prior to internship (usually Spring of first year). Register for ANTH 675 in Fall of the year you do your internship.
- Form committee – first identify your chair and with the help of your chair, find 2 other committee members. Form committee as soon as you know your topic.
- Proposal - highly recommend to have a copy of the proposal completed by the end of April (or before) so the committee has time to review it and meet. Proposal ideas should be approved by your chair before submitting them to the other committee members. Your chair is your first reviewer and should see and approve everything before the rest of the committee reviews it.
- IRB – this process may take multiple revisions, once you have your research ideas planned and approved by your committee, submit your IRB application. This should happen before or in correspondence with your proposal.
 - o Standard Review – required if research has more than minimal risk, deals with children under 18 or anyone without full legal autonomy. Must submit the application by the last Thursday of the month. It will be reviewed the 2nd Thursday of the following month.
 - o Expedited Review – If research has minimal risk (all anthropology projects and research does), but does not require standard review for the above reasons. A subcommittee reports results within 10 working days of submission
 - o See the CSULB Office of University Research website for more information.
<http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/research/our/compliance/irb/>

- Proposal Defense - After writing proposal and being approved by IRB set up a date for a proposal defense. You need to give committee at least 2 weeks to review your documents before the defense.
- Gather research – summer after first year and/or fall of 2nd year.
- Analysis of research – 3rd semester or as gathering
- Write Thesis – 3rd and 4th semester – Any major changes must go through your Committee Chair. As you complete drafts of chapters, submit them to thesis committee for review.
- Thesis defense – a copy of the thesis must be given to the committee members 2 weeks prior to the defense date. Ideally this should be a month before the library due date so there is time for changes.
- Thesis submission – A copy of the thesis must be submitted to the library early in the semester. The due date for Spring graduation is usually between the middle of February and the end of March. The due date for Fall graduation is usually the middle of September through the end of October. Check the CSULB Library Thesis Office website for exact dates. Prepare early, because this date comes quickly!
 - o See CSULB Library Thesis Office Website for more information
<http://www.csulb.edu/library/guide/serv/thesis.html>
 - o Appointments are available for help with thesis formatting (see website).
 - o Website also includes many resources on how to format and properly write the thesis
 - o After thesis is submitted it will be reviewed and returned with corrections. Once the corrections are made and the thesis is reviewed and accepted the clearance process begins. If thesis is rejected, then the graduation date will be postponed.
 - o No late submissions accepted

Graduation – must apply for graduation the beginning of the semester before. For Spring graduation apply the year prior between May 1st and October 15th. For Fall graduation, apply December 1st (of year prior) to March 1st (of same year). Dates may change, so check CSULB Enrollment Services website for exact dates and more information about requirements.

- http://www.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/graduation/masters_degree.html
- If deadline is missed, there is a small fee for applying late

Library

- Many resources available – databases, refworks, Link+ and interlibrary loans
- Workshops available for help in writing research papers, thesis, and using resources. See Library website for dates.

Other Important Information

Conference Meetings, Memberships, Papers, Posters, and Publications:

Posters - Information on creating anthropology posters available on AAA website -

<http://www.aaanet.org/meetings/presenters/>

- Posters can be printed on CSULB campus at: (prices may change)
 - o Computer Lab – can design and print posters, price varies depending on colors and size, but usually around \$25-\$35, must give at least a week in advance. The website gives more info
<http://www.cnsm.csulb.edu/centers/sas/computerlab/index.asp>
 - o Math Department - around \$30, must give at least a week in advance. Contact Tom Tran ttran40@csulb.edu
 - o Campus Print Shop – can be expedited and done in one day for about \$80

Travel Funds to Conference available through Associated Students International (ASI)

Check Website - <http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/students/asi/> or

http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/students/asi/administration/asi_forms.html

- Travel Funds also available through Student Development – www.csulb.edu/sld services & resources

AAA (American Anthropological Association) – Meetings every Fall around the end of November.

- Website - <http://www.aaanet.org/>
- Call for Papers/Posters – begins January 1st
- Submission for papers and posters – due April 1st
- Registration Dates – Advanced Registration (lower rate) by October 15th; Rate increase after October 15th.
- Check AAA website, Prizes & Awards, Section Awards for information on student awards - http://www.aaanet.org/about/Prizes-Awards/section_awards.cfm or
 - o http://www.aaanet.org/sections/nasa/awards/aaa_awards.htm
- NASA (National Association of Student Anthropologists) gives some awards for travel expenses and general funding

CLA (College of Liberal Arts, CSULB) – Student Research Showcase held in May

- Submission deadline check CSULB website or CLA website - <http://www.csulb.edu/colleges/cla/>
- Funding may be available for printing posters

CLIC (graduate association at UCLA) and LISO (graduate association at UCSB) for linguistic anthropology students

- Annual Conference in May – alternates between the two campuses
- Abstracts due in January
- Publications – articles based on conference proceedings are published competitively

GURT (Georgetown University Roundtable in Linguistics)

- Around March in Washington D.C.

NAPA (National Association for Practicing Anthropologists)

- Website - <http://www.practicinganthropology.org/about/>

SAA (Society for American Archaeology) – Meetings Every Spring around April

- Website - <http://www.saa.org/>
- Submission deadline for abstracts – September

SALSA (Symposium About Language and Society, Austin)

- Website - <http://studentorgs.utexas.edu/salsa/index.htm>
- Conference at University of Texas, Austin. Held in the Spring around April
- Submission deadline for abstracts – January 1st
- Pre-registration – ends in March

SCA (Society for Cultural Anthropology) – Spring Conference in May (every two years?)

- Website - <http://www.aaanet.org/sca/meetings/meetingsindex.htm>
- <http://sca.culanth.org/index.htm>
- Submission deadline for abstracts - December

SCAAN (Southern California Applied Anthropology Network)

SfAA (Society for Applied Anthropology) - Meetings every Spring around March

- Website - <http://www.sfaa.net/>
- Submission of Abstracts for papers, posters and sessions – October 15th
- Registration Dates check online
- Awards -
 - o Student travel funds available for those presenting papers and some funds for just attending the conference. See Student Travel Awards under Annual Meeting on the SfAA website.
<http://www.sfaa.net/committees/students/studentendowment.html> – Student Endowment Due January 1st
 - o Peter K. New Student Prize Award – For a student paper – Submission by Dec. 31
- <http://www.sfaa.net/pknew/pknguide.html>
 - o Valene Smith Award – Cash prize for student poster on tourism -
<http://www.sfaa.net/valenesmith/valenesmith.html>
- Publications –
 - o Practicing Anthropology – possible venue for graduate student publications
 - o Human Organization – possible place for part of a student’s master thesis to be published, with the help of their graduate or thesis advisor
 - o SfAA newsletter – possible place for students to write an article

SWAA (Southwestern Anthropological Association) –

- Website - <http://www.csus.edu/org/swaa/>

UC Riverside Annual James C. Young Colloquium – Conference in February

- Submission deadline January

- Contact for more information - JamesYoungColloq@gmail.com

Other Conferences:

U. of Colorado – conference for linguistic anthropology

U. of Pennsylvania – ethnography of education conference – for people working in educational issues

Publications – Students can publish class papers, parts of their thesis and other articles. Below are some possible venues for student papers. Also talk to the graduate advisor, professors or thesis advisors for recommendations in areas of specialization. Read articles from different publications to see what type of articles they accept and discover their publication guidelines. Anthrosource or JSTOR are good sources to find anthropology articles.

Possible Publications in:

Applied Anthropology

Practicing Anthropology – possible venue for graduate student publications

Human Organization – possible place for part of a student’s master thesis to be published, with the help of their graduate or thesis advisor

SfAA newsletter – possible place for students to write an article

Linguistic Anthropology

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Journal of Linguistic Anthropology (JLA)

Anthropological Linguistics

Society for Linguistic Anthropology - student paper contest each year for graduate and undergraduate students. Students are not guaranteed publication, but are encouraged to submit the paper in JLA.

Scholarships:

Check <http://www.csulb.edu/scholarship> for available scholarships

Check www.sarweb.org

Contact: Coordinator of University Scholarships

Center for Scholarship Information

University Student Union, Room 238

(562)985-2549

scholarships@csulb.edu

(Deadlines and dates may change for all listed scholarships and events. Please check websites or with the anthropology department for more information). Below are just a few example scholarships.

Due in April

Liberal Arts Scholars Program

- CLA senior or graduate student planning to do research with a faculty member the following year at CSULB
- <http://www.csulb.edu/scholarship>

Parker Scholarship for English & Social Studies

- Sophomore, Junior, senior or graduate student majoring in Anthropology, English, History or Sociology
- <http://www.csulb.edu/scholarship>

Due in May

George Franklin Dales Foundation

- recipient must be enrolled in an American university or college and in a program which leads to a doctoral, master (if the doctoral is not offered) or professional degree
- Check with department for information

Job opportunities:

Capital Fellowship – 10-11 month fellowship CA political system –

www.csus.edu/calst/programs

CSULB Job Fair – October

CSULB Internship and Volunteer Fair - November

Check <http://careers.csulb.edu> for information on jobs, internships and workshops

Check postings of job listings on the bulletin boards in the Anthropology Department

Field Schools and Internships:

Arizona State University – <http://www.asu.edu/clas/shesc/projects/cbr/bfs> – human evolution and archaeology

CWU Saddle Mountains and Wenas Creek –

www.cwu.edu/~anthro/fieldwork/Archy/2008FSAd.html - Archaeology

Mercyhurst College – <http://www.mercyhurst.edu> – Forensic Anthropology

The School for Field Studies – Semester and summer study abroad – www.fieldstudies.org

Southern Oregon University and Center for Social Ecology and Public Policy –

www.sou.edu/social/ www.jkagroup.com/fieldschool - ethnography

University of Alaska Anchorage – <http://uaonline.alaska.edu> – archaeology

Wild Rockies field Institute – Cultural ecology and other subjects – www.wrfi.net

Many others available – Check postings in Anthropology Department