Public Issues Anthropology: MA

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology is pleased to offer an MA in Public Issues Anthropology, with an emphasis on sociocultural anthropology. Our focus is on the interface between anthropological knowledge and issues crucial to governance, public discourse, livelihoods, civil society and contemporary public issues.

Program

Students may choose one of two study options:
1) Thesis and complete a minimum of 2.0 credits (4 courses)
2) Major research paper and complete a minimum of 4.0 credits (6 courses and a 1.0 credit major paper)

Students are required to complete ANTH*6700 Pro-Seminar in their first two seminars.

Research Areas

Our program draws on the expertise of anthropologists who conduct research on a wide range of public issues, including: migration, globalization, human rights, indigenous peoples’ issues, climate change, environmental ethics, food, culinary and dietary practices, agriculture and rural livelihoods, families, disabilities, social inequalities, and the anthropology of development. Faculty ethnographic areas include Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, Latin America, and North America.

Admission Requirements

- A four-year honours degree in Anthropology will be preferentially considered
- Students with a background in other disciplines should have taken at least five Anthropology courses, including Ethnography and Anthropological Theory
- Minimum B+ average over their last two years of academic study

Faculty and Facilities

There are currently 29 faculty, including 7 anthropologists, in our department.

The Department maintains Blackwood Hall, Room 214, as a common study space for graduate students. The department has a small computer lab for the exclusive use of Sociology and Anthropology graduate students. Research software (including NVivo, STATA and SPSS are available for use in this lab. Graduate students can obtain computing and statistical consulting from our Departmental Computer Coordinator (Janice Hicks) and through Computer Services. Other computer facilities are available in the library, and in Computer Services.

Application Deadline:
January 15, 2020
Entry: Fall

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:
- Food and livelihoods
- Human Rights and Social Justice
- Families, Aging, or Disabilities
- Indigenous Peoples’ Issues
- Environmental Issues

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:
- Education
- Health and Nutrition
- Law and Advocacy
- International Development
- Cultural and Natural Resource Management

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A market in Paraguay (photo by Dr. Elizabeth Finnis, Sociology & Anthropology)