

UNT Master's Program in Applied Anthropology Q&A

The [anthropology department website](#) contains very detailed information about both graduate programs: admissions, costs, degree plan, timeline, course information, etc. Please be sure to review our website including this Q&A and Application Checklist.

The Application Process

Q: What are the required application items?

A: The anthropology department has created an [Application Checklist](#) which covers all required application items. Please be sure to review this important document!

Q: Do you have spring admissions?

A: No, the department only accepts students for the fall semester.

Q: What are the minimum GRE scores?

A: The department has a holistic review process and does not have a minimum score. All application materials are reviewed together and deficiency in one area can be balanced with excellence in another area. You must take the GRE one month before the application deadline so we can get your scores in time.

Q: Which GRE exam do I need to take?

A: You take the standard GRE: verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing. You do not need to take the anthropology subject exam.

Q: I've been out of school for a while, who should write my letters of recommendation?

A: Letters of recommendation should be written by someone who can speak about your potential to be successful in graduate school. We prefer letters from faculty members first, employers or supervisors next, or directors/managers of places where you may volunteer. We do not look favorably on letters from friends and family members.

Q: I live close to UNT but work during the day, should I apply to the online or on-campus program?

A: Both programs are equal in terms of degree plan, courses, and faculty members. The majority of on-campus graduate courses are offered at night to facilitate work and school. The online program is the only one in the country so it's very popular and gets full quickly; if you prefer to do the online program but *could* do the on-campus program, you can indicate that in your application. We generally do not allow students to switch back and forth between programs.

Q: What are the costs of the applied anthropology program?

A: The online program costs are outlined on our website:

<http://anthropology.unt.edu/grad-admissions.php>

People applying to the on-campus program can consult the student accounting page for tuition information: <http://essc.unt.edu/saucs/>

Program Information

Q: What is applied anthropology and how is that different than regular anthropology?

A: Applied anthropology is simply "anthropology put to use" (to quote John Van Willigen). It is any kind of anthropological research that is done to solve practical problems versus research conducted for research-sake. All faculty members in the UNT department are [applied anthropologists](#). Here are some websites that explain more about applied anthropology:

<http://anthropology.unt.edu/whatisanthro-appliedanthro.php>

<http://www.sfaa.net/sfaagoal.html>

<http://www.practicinganthropology.org/>

http://www.copaa.info/resources_for_students/resources.htm

Especially look at the last link; it has a video entitled "Career Options."

Q: I'm interested in archaeology or forensic anthropology. Do you offer that concentration?

A: There are 5 concentrations at the master's level: medical anthropology, organizational anthropology, migration and border studies, anthropology of education, and environmental anthropology. We do not offer courses nor do we have faculty members who specialize in archaeology or forensics. As far as we know, there are no fully online archaeology or CRM graduate programs.

Q: I'm just looking to take a course or two as an elective. Do I need to apply to the program?

A: No, you do not need to be in the program to take a course. Please contact Marisa Abbe, the graduate programs coordinator, for more details: marisa.abbe@unt.edu