Curricular Track for Graduate Study in Archaeology at ASU

All archaeology graduate students are required to follow these curriculum guidelines in designing their programs of study. Any exceptions must be granted, in writing, by the student’s chair with approval from other committee members.

All students (entering in Phase I [pre-MA] or Phase II [post-MA]) must take the following at some point in their graduate career:

1. First Year Professionalism (1 credit) (ASB 598) required of all Anthropology PhD students
2. A dissertation proposal writing course (ASM 579) required of all Anthropology PhD students
3. Quantitative and Formal Methods in Archaeology (ASM 565)
4. Theory and Archaeology (ASB560)
5. And 6 credits of R & C over their first three semesters.

Required Categories
All students entering in Phase I must take at least one class from each of the following ten categories.
All students entering in Phase II must take at least one class from eight of the following ten categories.
A course may fulfill more than one requirement (i.e., “double-dipping” is acceptable)

Hunter-gatherer / Paleolithic, including:
- Hunter-Gatherer Adaptations (ASB 563) - normally taught every other spring
- Stone Age of Africa (ASB 591) - normally taught every other spring
- Paleoanthropology (ASM 530)

Small Scale Societies, including:
- Small-scale Societies (ASB 542)
- Southwest Archaeology (ASB 567)

Complex Societies, including
- Chiefdoms (ASB 549)
- Complex Societies (ASB 555)
- Topics in Mesoamerican Archaeology (ASB 537)

A second course involving analytical/quantitative/formal methods, including
- Space in Archaeology (formerly Intrasite Analysis, ASB 568)
- GIS and Spatial Technologies for Anthropological Research (ASM 568)
- Settlement Patterns (ASB 544)
• Advanced Topics in Quantitative Archaeology (ASM 566)
• Dynamic Modeling in Social and Ecological Systems (ASM 591/424, BIO424) - *normally taught every other fall*
• Agent Based Modeling (ASM 520) - *normally taught in the spring*

Other GIS, Modeling, or Statistics courses offered in SHESC or by other units.

**Theoretical Topics in Archaeology**
• Archaeology of the Social Realm (ASB 560)
• Economic Archaeology (ASB 550)
• Ethnoarchaeology
• Archaeology of Religion
• Mortuary Practices and Cultural Analysis (ASB 558)
• Material Culture (ASB 525)
• Ancient Built Environments (ASB 591) ((Or, this could to under Complex Societies))

**Materials or Biological Analysis, including**
• Archaeological ceramics
• Geoarchaeology (ASM 548)
• Lithic Analysis (ASM 573)
• Human Behavior through Bone Chemistry (ASM 553)
• Zooarchaeology (ASB591) – *normally taught every other spring*
• Paleoeecology
• Advanced Human Osteology (ASM 555)

**A course on the archaeology of the geographical area that is the student’s primary interest**

**A course focusing on the archaeology of a second geographical area**

**A non-archaeology SHESC course**

**A course taught by another unit**