

Curricular Track for Graduate Study in Archaeology at ASU

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The curricular track in archaeology includes courses required for the Anthropology PhD as well as students strongly recommended and suggested for archaeology students. Details on credit hour requirements (set by the Graduate College) are available on the Archaeology Road Map. Using the below as a general template, students and their committees develop an appropriate program of study.

SHESC Required Courses:

- First Year Professionalism (1 credit)
- A dissertation proposal writing course

Strongly recommended for all archaeology students:

- A course on anthropological or general social theory (see list below)
- Small-scale Societies (ASB 542) or another course providing theoretical perspectives on the archaeology of small scale societies (e.g., Hunter-Gatherer Adaptations [ASB 563] when it is taught from an archaeological perspective)
- A course on complex societies (see list below)
- Quantitative and Formal Methods in Archaeology (ASM 565)
- A second analytical methods course (see list below)
- A course focusing 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 second professionalism course designed for advanced students (1 credit)

Other courses, as appropriate, on methodological, theoretical, and empirical topics of interest and appropriate to your program of study. Students are also strongly advised to gain in-depth field work experience.

Theory courses

- Scholarly Inquiry (ASB 540)
- Archaeology of the Social Realm (ASB 591)
- Theory in Sociocultural Anthropology (ASB 541)
- Issues in Contemporary Social Theory (ASB 591)
- Social Theory and Environment (ESS 501)

Complex Societies courses

- Chiefdoms (ASB 549)
- Comparative Early Urbanism (ASB 591)
- Complex Societies (ASB 555)
- Near Eastern Complex Societies (ASB 591)
- Topics in Mesoamerican Archaeology (ASB 537)

Analytical Methods courses

- Space in Archaeology (formerly Intrasite Analysis, ASB 568)
- Spatial technologies (ASB 591)
- Settlement Patterns (ASB 544)
- Dynamic Modeling in Social and Ecological Systems (ASM 591)
- Agent Based Modeling (ASM 520)

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

Other Topics Courses

- Advanced bioarchaeology
- Archaeological ceramics
- Geoarchaeology
- Ethnoarchaeology
- Lithics
- Human behavior through bone chemistry
- Zooarchaeology and paleoecology
- Archaeological Perspectives on Landscapes
- Current Issues in Paleolithic Archaeology
- Ecological Anthropology
- Economic Archaeology
- Archaeology of Religion
- Human Impacts on the Environment
- Material Culture
- Modern Human Origins
- Mortuary Analysis
- Prehistoric Diet