Program: Anthropology M.A., Ph.D. Program
Rating: Good

The graduate program in Anthropology supports four focus areas: sociocultural anthropology, archaeology, biological anthropology, and linguistic anthropology. Approximately half of the students are enrolled in the sociocultural anthropology focus area with the rest enrolled in archaeology and biological anthropology. The distribution of students approximately mirrors the number of faculty in each area. For the student cohort entering from 1996-2001, the median TTD was 6.8 yrs which is long compared to the UI median for all Social Science programs of 5.9 yrs, and considering that another 24% of the students from this cohort are still enrolled. The long TTD was explained to reflect a mix of research expectations in some areas (some require additional language training and off-site research). The diversity is mixed and students are offered 5 years of funding. The percent completion of the doctoral degree is low (26%), reflecting students still enrolled, but also a 50% attrition rate. While placement of the doctoral graduates occurs amongst a range of institutions, there is a concern that not many graduates move on to peer research institutions (RU- very high research activity). The program appears to be in transition with the loss of senior sociocultural faculty and increases in the number of archeologists and a biological anthropologist.