

# ANTHROPOLOGY

## Dual-Titles

### Dual-Title Ph.D. in Anthropology and Bioethics

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The Bioethics program (<http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/bioethics/>) provides anthropology students with an opportunity to develop their knowledge of the social and ethical implications of their research. This combination – solid research experience with an intimate knowledge of the ethical dimensions of that work – is increasingly important in the workplace, and broadens the possibilities of employment beyond traditional anthropology positions.

#### Admissions Requirements

Students must apply and be admitted to the graduate program in Anthropology and the Fox Graduate School before they can apply for admission to the dual-title degree program. After admission to their primary program, students must apply for admission to and meet the admissions requirements of the Bioethics dual-title program. Refer to the Admission Requirements section of the Bioethics Bulletin page (<http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/bioethics/>). Doctoral students must be admitted into the dual-title degree program in Bioethics prior to taking the qualifying examination in their primary graduate program.

#### Degree Requirements

To qualify for the dual-title degree, students must satisfy the degree requirements for the degree they are enrolled in Anthropology, listed above. In addition, students must complete the degree requirements for the dual-title in Bioethics, listed on the Bioethics Bulletin page (<http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/bioethics/>).

The qualifying examination committee for the dual-title Ph.D. degree will be composed of Graduate Faculty from Anthropology and must include at least one Graduate Faculty member from the Bioethics program. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs' Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role. There will be a single qualifying examination, containing elements of both Anthropology and Bioethics. Dual-title graduate degree students may require an additional semester to fulfill requirements for both areas of study and, therefore, the qualifying examination may be delayed one semester beyond the normal period allowable.

In addition to the general Graduate Council requirements for Ph.D. committees (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-600/gcac-602-phd-committee-formation/>), the Ph.D. committee of an Anthropology and Bioethics dual-title Ph.D. student must include at least one member of the Bioethics Graduate Faculty. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs' Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role. If the chair of the Ph.D. committee is not also a member of the Graduate Faculty in Bioethics, the member of the committee representing Bioethics must be appointed as co-chair. The Bioethics representative on the student's Ph.D. committee will develop questions for and participate in the evaluation of the comprehensive examination.

Students in the dual-title program are required to write and orally defend a dissertation on a topic that is approved in advance by their Ph.D. committee and reflects their original research and education in Anthropology and Bioethics. Upon completion of the doctoral dissertation, the candidate must pass a final oral examination (the dissertation defense) to earn the Ph.D. degree. The dissertation must be accepted by the Ph.D. committee, the head of the graduate program, and the Fox Graduate School.

### Dual-Title Ph.D. in Anthropology and Climate Science

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-208 Dual-Title Graduate Degree Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-208-dual-titles/>).

The Climate Science (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/climate-science/>) program offers enhanced training opportunities for students interested in investigating the role of climate change in human evolution, socio-natural systems, and contemporary societies.

#### Admissions Requirements

Students must apply and be admitted to the graduate program in Anthropology and the Fox Graduate School before they can apply for admission to the dual-title degree program. After admission to their primary program, students must apply for admission to and meet the admissions requirements of the Climate Science dual-title program. Refer to the Admission Requirements section of the Climate Science Bulletin page (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/climate-science/>). Doctoral students must be admitted into the dual-title degree program in Climate Science no later than the end of the fourth semester (not counting summer semesters) of entry into the primary Ph.D. program.

#### Degree Requirements

To qualify for the dual-title degree, students must satisfy the degree requirements for the degree they are enrolled in in Anthropology, listed on the Degree Requirements tab. In addition, students must complete the degree requirements for the dual-title in Climate Science, listed on the Climate Science Bulletin page (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/climate-science/>).

The qualifying examination in Anthropology satisfies the qualifying exam requirement for the dual-title degree program in Climate Science.

In addition to the general Graduate Council requirements for Ph.D. committees (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-600/gcac-602-phd-committee-formation/>), the Ph.D. committee of an Anthropology and Climate Science dual-title Ph.D. student must include at least one member of the Climate Science Graduate Faculty. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs' Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role. If the chair of the Ph.D. committee is not also a member of the Graduate Faculty in Climate Science, the member of the committee representing Climate Science must be appointed as co-chair. The Climate Science representative on the student's Ph.D. committee will develop questions for and participate in the evaluation of the comprehensive examination.

Students in the dual-title program are required to write and orally defend a dissertation on a topic that is approved in advance by their Ph.D. committee and reflects their original research and education in Anthropology and Climate Science. Upon completion of the doctoral dissertation, the candidate must pass a final oral examination (the dissertation defense) to earn the Ph.D. degree. The dissertation must be

accepted by the Ph.D. committee, the head of the graduate program, and the Fox Graduate School.

## Dual-Title M.A. and Ph.D. in Anthropology and Demography

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-208 Dual-Title Graduate Degree Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-208-dual-titles/>).

The Demography interdisciplinary program (<http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/demography/>) is designed to give students in-depth knowledge of the demographic dimensions of anthropological research, including studies of present populations as well as those of the past.

### Admissions Requirements

Students must apply and be admitted to the graduate program in Anthropology and the Fox Graduate School before they can apply for admission to the dual-title degree program. After admission to their primary program, students must apply for admission to and meet the admissions requirements of the Demography dual-title program. Refer to the Admission Requirements section of the Demography Bulletin page (<http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/demography/>). Doctoral students must be admitted into the dual-title degree program in Demography prior to taking the qualifying examination in their primary graduate program.

### Degree Requirements

To qualify for the dual-title degree, students must satisfy the degree requirements for the degree they are enrolled in Anthropology, listed on the Degree Requirements tab. In addition, students must complete the degree requirements for the dual-title in Demography, listed on the Demography Bulletin page (<http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/demography/>).

The qualifying examination committee for the dual-title Ph.D. degree will be composed of Graduate Faculty from Anthropology and must include at least one Graduate Faculty member from the Demography program. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs' Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role. There will be a single qualifying examination, containing elements of both Anthropology and Demography. Dual-title graduate degree students may require an additional semester to fulfill requirements for both areas of study and, therefore, the qualifying examination may be delayed one semester beyond the normal period allowable.

In addition to the general Graduate Council requirements for Ph.D. committees (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-600/gcac-602-phd-committee-formation/>), the Ph.D. committee of an Anthropology and Demography dual-title Ph.D. student must include at least one member of the Demography Graduate Faculty. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs' Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role. If the chair of the Ph.D. committee is not also a member of the Graduate Faculty in Demography, the member of the committee representing Demography must be appointed as co-chair. The Demography representative on the student's Ph.D. committee will develop questions for and participate in the evaluation of the comprehensive examination.

Students in the dual-title program are required to write and orally defend a dissertation on a topic that is approved in advance by their Ph.D. committee and reflects their original research and education

in Anthropology and Demography. Upon completion of the doctoral dissertation, the candidate must pass a final oral examination (the dissertation defense) to earn the Ph.D. degree. The dissertation must be accepted by the Ph.D. committee, the head of the graduate program, and the Fox Graduate School.

## Dual-Title M.A. and Ph.D. in Anthropology and Transdisciplinary Research on Environment and Society

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-208 Dual-Title Graduate Degree Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-208-dual-titles/>).

The TREES program (<http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/human-dimensions-natural-resources-environment/>), which involves four colleges including the College of the Liberal Arts, is oriented toward research that furthers our understanding of the human use of natural resources, a pressing concern for all of us in the twenty-first century. Topics of special concern for anthropologists are the (very) long-term impact of humans on natural settings, and the ways people have adapted to those changes in their surroundings.

### Admissions Requirements

Students must apply and be admitted to the graduate program in Anthropology and the Fox Graduate School before they can apply for admission to the dual-title degree program. After admission to their primary program, students must apply for admission to and meet the admissions requirements of the TREES dual-title program. Doctoral students must be admitted into the dual-title degree program in TREES prior to taking the qualifying examination in their primary graduate program. Refer to the Admission Requirements section of the TREES Bulletin page (<http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/transdisciplinary-research-environment-society/>).

### Master's Degree Requirements

In addition to the course requirements, 6 credits of Thesis Research (600 or 610 in the student's home graduate degree program) are required if the candidate is writing a thesis. Particular courses may satisfy both the graduate major program requirements and those of the TREES dual-title intercollege program. All courses must be approved by the student's M.S./M.A. advisers and/or committee.

The thesis supervisor and chair of the student's committee shall be a member of the student's major program, and a member of the dual-title program. All members of the committee must hold Graduate Faculty status or secure the same before serving on the committee.

The culminating experience (e.g., thesis or scholarly paper or capstone course) must incorporate a TREES interest together with the primary field of study. All students are also required to successfully complete an oral defense of the M.S./M.A. thesis as part of the master's requirements if required by the participating program.

### Doctoral Degree Requirements

A candidate for the dual-title intercollege TREES Ph.D. must complete, in addition to curricular requirements for the doctoral degree in the student's primary program, a minimum of 15 credits of TREES coursework. The course requirements are the same as those listed for the Master's degrees. All courses, including which courses will satisfy both the graduate major program and dual-title program requirements, must be approved by the student's M.S./M.A. advisers and/or committee.

The qualifying examination for Anthropology will satisfy the qualifying exam requirement for the dual-title degree program in TREES. The Ph.D. committee must include at least one Graduate Faculty member from TREES. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs' Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role. The TREES representative on the Ph.D. committee will participate in constructing and evaluating the comprehensive examination. If the chair of the Ph.D. committee is not also a member of the Graduate Faculty in TREES, the member of the committee representing TREES must be appointed as co-chair. All Ph.D. students will be required to complete, present, and defend a dissertation that incorporates a topic related to both their graduate major program and TREES. Candidates for the dual-title Ph.D. degree in TREES will be required to pass a final oral examination (the dissertation defense) covering their graduate major program field and TREES, with emphasis on the student's area of specialization. To earn the Ph.D. degree, doctoral students must also write a dissertation that is accepted by the Ph.D. committee, the head of the graduate program, and the Fox Graduate School.

## Dual-Title Ph.D. in Anthropology and Microbiome Sciences

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-208 Dual-Title Graduate Degree Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-208-dual-titles/>).

The dual-title in Anthropology and Microbiome Sciences (MBIOM) is a great recruitment incentive for students interested in how microbial communities contribute to anthropological processes. Students whose research involves high-throughput microbiome data, bioinformatics analysis, and metadata interpretation can have their training and skills formally recognized with the Dual Title Ph.D. in Microbiome Sciences.

### Admissions Requirements

Students must apply and be admitted to the graduate program in Anthropology and the Fox Graduate School before they can apply for admission to the dual-title degree program. After admission to their primary program, students must apply for admission to and meet the admissions requirements of the MBIOM dual-title program. Students enroll in the MBIOM program after admission to their major program but ideally before their qualifying exam (the major program's qualifying exam is sufficient for the dual-title program). In the event the student decides to enroll in the dual-title after taking the qualifying exam, enrollment must occur before the end of the fourth semester. To enroll, the student emails the MBIOM Graduate Program Assistant an application form (see <https://plantpath.psu.edu/graduate/dual-title/microbiome/apply>) and a statement of interest that includes potential research objectives and is signed by their adviser and major program head. The FIC will review the application and notify the Fox Graduate School of enrollment approval.

### Degree Requirements

To qualify for the dual-title degree, students must satisfy the degree requirements for the degree they are enrolled in Anthropology, listed above. In addition, students must complete the degree requirements for the dual-title in Microbiome Sciences (see <https://plantpath.psu.edu/graduate/dual-title/microbiome/objectives>).

The qualifying examination for Anthropology satisfies the qualifying examination requirement for the dual-title degree program in Microbiome Sciences.

In addition to the general Graduate Council requirements for Ph.D. committees (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>

[gcac/gcac-600/gcac-602-phd-committee-formation/](#)), the Ph.D. committee of an Anthropology and MBIOM dual-title Ph.D. student must include at least one member of the MBIOM Graduate Faculty. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs' Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role. If the chair of the Ph.D. committee is not also a member of the Graduate Faculty in MBIOM, the member of the committee representing MBIOM must be appointed as co-chair. The MBIOM representative on the student's Ph.D. committee will develop questions for and participate in the evaluation of the comprehensive examination.

Students in the dual-title program are required to write and orally defend a dissertation on a topic that is approved in advance by their Ph.D. committee and reflects their original research and education in Anthropology and MBIOM. Upon completion of the doctoral dissertation, the candidate must pass a final oral examination (the dissertation defense) to earn the Ph.D. degree. The dissertation must be accepted by the Ph.D. committee, the head of the graduate program, and the Fox Graduate School.