Anthropology is the most holistic of the social sciences: it takes the entire range of human diversity as its field of study. As the world becomes more complexly interconnected, our need to understand the operation of human diversity and similarity becomes all the more pressing. Anthropology entails the rigorous study — across the entire range of global and historical variation — of the forces that have shaped our ways of thinking and acting, our self-expression and representation, and our very physiology.

Emory’s graduate program in anthropology encourages a diversity of doctoral research agendas in biological and cultural anthropology. Ranked in the top 10 of U.S. anthropology departments by the National Research Council, our doctoral program balances demanding courses with a tutorial approach for advanced subjects. We believe that the successful anthropologists of the future are created not through a monolithic theoretical orientation but through exposure to alternative explanatory paradigms. We encourage specialization within cultural or biological subfields, as well as creative combinations and dialogues between them.

Our faculty include leading members of the field and have diverse interests that comprise “sub-areas” for student research. They include:

- Behavioral Biology and Ecology
- Development, Political Economy, and Sustainability
- Early Hominin Ecology, Subsistence, and Cognition
- Food, Nutrition, and Anthropology
- Gender, Sexuality, and Body Politics
- History, Narrative, and Politics

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Emory University is a premiere research institution with outstanding facilities in support of anthropological research. Students may participate in seven fully equipped research laboratories directed by Anthropology faculty: the Laboratory for Comparative Human Biology (Worthman), the Human Health Laboratory (Lampl), the Laboratory for Darwinian Neuroscience (Rilling), the Paleolithic Technology Laboratory (Stout), the Quantitative Computational Anthropology Laboratory (Hooper), the Osteoarchaeology Laboratory (Thompson), and the Media Publics and Critical Discourse Laboratory (Vidali). Outside of the program, opportunities for research include: the Center for Behavioral Neuroscience, Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Rollins School of Public Health. The Anthropology department also has affiliations with the Carter Center and Departments of African Studies, African-American Studies, Asian Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, History, Linguistics, Psychology, Religion, and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

Students complete three years of full-time coursework. In the second and third years, students intensify their individual research agendas and formulate in-depth research proposals and plans for fieldwork and refinement of their methodology. Research and dissertation write-up and defense complete the program. The average time to degree is 7 years.

Financial support includes a tuition scholarship, health insurance, and a stipend ($23,370 for the 2016–17 year). Our students have also been successful in obtaining grants and fellowships from external sources such as the NSF, NRSA, SSRC, Fulbright-Hayes, Mellon, Leakey, and Wenner-Gren.

The application deadline is December 1 for the following fall semester.

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