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Rationale Statement (MA Evolutionary Anthropology - Thesis)

The proposed changes to the requirements for the MA in Evolutionary Anthropology (see above) are designed to provide our graduate students greater flexibility in crafting a plan of study that is uniquely tailored to the demands of their thesis research without affecting the overall rigor of the program. To that end, we seek to reduce the minimum number of credits we require under the "Topics" category by 3, from 9 credits to 6 credits, while increasing the minimum number of credits we require under the "Electives" category by 3, from 6 credits to 9 credits. This change "frees up" 3 credits for students to use as they see fit—by taking an additional class in a different department to foster interdisciplinary research, by taking a non-graded (S/F) independent study in anthropology to deepen their understanding of a particular method or topic, or even by choosing to enroll in another graded evolutionary anthropology seminar as they would have in the absence of this change. In sum, expanding the minimum number of "Electives" credits will provide MA students greater freedom in choosing the combination of classes that best suits their research needs. These changes do not affect our minimum required number of credits, which remains at 32.

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Please contact me if you have any questions about the rationale behind our proposed changes to the MA requirements.

Luke Premo (luke.premo@wsu.edu)

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- *Archaeology Elective: 1 course minimum:*
    - ANTH 513, ANTH 514, ANTH 530, ANTH 535, ANTH 539, ANTH 540, ANTH 543, ANTH 546, ANTH 549, ANTH 570, ANTH 573, ANTH 576
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- *Cultural Elective: 1 course minimum:*
    - ANTH 504, ANTH 507, ANTH 521, ANTH 522, ANTH 525, ANTH 528, ANTH 529, ANTH 550, ANTH 554, ANTH 569
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- *Theory: 1 course minimum:*
    - ANTH 548, ANTH 561, ANTH 562, ANTH 564, ANTH 565, ANTH 569
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- *Quantitative Methods: 1 course minimum:*
    - ANTH 537
    - Committee may approve advanced substitute course
- *Topics: 3 2 courses minimum:*
    - ANTH 547, ANTH 548, ANTH 561, ANTH 563, ANTH 564, ANTH 565, ANTH 569
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- *Electives: 6 9 credits minimum:*
    - Selected in consultation with the committee; at least 6 credits must emphasize research methods and skills
- *Research Credits: 4 credits minimum:*
    - ANTH 700
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Applicable Graduate School Requirements:

- *Graded Credits: 21 credits*
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