

Milestones to a Ph.D. in Archaeological Anthropology Yale University

These milestones include changes and clarifications adopted in 2022;
see “Specific Requirements for Archaeology Subfield in Anthropology” in the Anthropology
Department Graduate Student Handbook for more detail

Year 1

- ANTH/ARCH 701 and/or ANTH/ARCH 716 (complete both by end of Year 2)
- Consider elective courses in Archaeological Theory (e.g., ANTH/ARCG 771, 782)
- Consider elective courses in Analytical Methods (e.g., ANTH/ARCG 559, 636, 750, 754, 776, 785, 786)
- Other electives as appropriate—see Graduate Student Handbook for recommendations
- Attend Friday Brown Bag Colloquium
- In consultation with advisor, assemble full advisory committee and meet by the end of Fall semester; submit “First Year Advisory Committee Form” to Marleen Cullen
- Make early plans for summer fieldwork and research

Year 2

- ANTH/ARCH 701 and/or ANTH/ARCH 716 (complete both by end of Year 2)
- ANTH/ARCG 743 (Research Design) in Fall Semester
- Elective courses – recommendations as in Year 1
- Submit “Second Year Form” to Marleen Cullen to confirm members of your advisory/exam committee at the beginning of Fall semester
- Prepare for and take qualifying examinations in Spring semester
 - Agree to scope and nature of exams in Fall semester
 - Register for Exam Preparation in Spring (ANTH 950)
 - Complete written and oral exams in Spring
- Attend Friday Brown Bag Colloquium
- If appropriate, qualified students may work as Teaching Fellows in Year 2
- Meet with advisor and advisory committee
- Make early plans for summer fieldwork and research

Year 3

- Form a prospectus committee by beginning of Fall semester
- Enroll in CAND 999
- Complete and defend prospectus, strongly encouraged by end of Fall
- Applications for external funding (NSF & Wenner-Gren), beginning in fall
- Work as Teaching Fellow, as appropriate to trajectory and fieldwork plans
- Advance to candidacy and begin dissertation research / fieldwork
- Meet with advisor and prospectus committee

- Once prospectus has been defended, update prospectus committee members as needed to form a thesis committee for doctoral advising
- Be aware of GSAS policies on candidacy funding; consult with DGS as necessary
- Organize, manage, and attend the Friday Brown Bag Colloquium

Year 4

- Enroll in DISR 999 if on campus and once admitted to candidacy
- Dissertation research / fieldwork
- Communicate with advisor and thesis committee as appropriate
- Attend Friday Brown Bag Colloquium if present on campus

Year 5

- Be aware of GSAS policies on candidacy funding; consult with DGS as necessary
- Dissertation research and writing, to completion if appropriate
- Apply for jobs, postdocs, other opportunities if appropriate
- Work as Teaching Fellow, or engage in fulltime writing on the UDF, as appropriate
- Attend Friday Brown Bag Colloquium
- Meet with advisor and others as writing progresses

Year 6 (contingent on Graduate School approval - see [here](#) for guidelines; common trajectories should be discussed with advisers and DGS)

- Attend Friday Brown Bag Colloquium
- Consult with adviser and thesis committee as writing progresses
- Work as Teaching Fellow, or engage in fulltime writing on the UDF, as appropriate
- Complete and defend dissertation
- Apply for jobs, postdocs, other opportunities