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