Master of Arts in Anthropology and Education

Brief Program Description — The M.A. program in Anthropology and Education offers a disciplinary approach that carefully explores and contributes to the analysis and understanding of educational processes in schools and classrooms, in families, on street corners, in community centers, in churches and in all settings where education may proceed.

These programs are designed to prepare students to enter any of the many educational institutions, in the United States and around the world, that are dedicated to developing and implementing programs requiring the specific contribution of anthropology. There are five areas of emphasis:
- Urban Education
- Culture and Communication
- Ethnographic Methods for Education Analysis
- Global Studies in Regional Ethnographies
- Leveraging of Informal Education

Core course requirement — At least five courses (15 points) in anthropology. The program should include at least one colloquium or seminar level course.

Other course requirements — Three courses (9 points) in fields foundational to anthropology (economics, history, linguistics, philosophy, psychology, sociology).

At least four other courses (8–9 points) that directly contribute to the emerging professional interest of the candidate. These may be taken at Teachers College, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, one of the other professional schools (e.g., Public Health, S.I.P.A., etc.), or area institutes of Columbia University.

Required courses — No individual course is required, per se, for the M.A. in Anthropology and Education. However, courses offered by the program all fulfill the core course requirements.

Integrative project — A non-course, advisor-approved, culminating project is a requirement of all masters’ degrees in Anthropology and Education. The exact nature of this requirement is determined with a faculty member.

TC Breadth Requirement — To satisfy college breadth requirements, master students must complete a minimum of 6 points in TC courses that are outside of their major programs. They can reach that 6-point threshold by any combination of courses that they choose in consultation with their advisors. Note that courses in the ICE Programs are outside the Anthropology programs and thus meet the breadth requirement.

Transfer credit evaluation — No transfer credits are allowed for the M.A. program.