

TO: Academic Affairs Committee, Academic Senate

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RE: Executive Summary MA/MS in Anthropology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

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The proposed new MA/MS in Anthropology will incorporate the areas currently taught in the MA/MS in Archaeology (prehistoric, historical, biological) along with new concentrations in cultural and linguistic anthropology, including Japanese studies; preparing students for work in the field and/or doctoral study. This program, which can be offered with existing resources, will offer students more options and make better use of the expertise of faculty members in the department. The new master's requires a total of 33 hours, including core courses and electives in each concentration as well as required thesis hours. Expected enrollment is approximately 10 new students per year, with a total of approximately 25 students in the program at any one time. The department has 8 quarter-time general revenue assistantships and one assistantship funded by the President's Office for the Old Main project; and has also been successful in developing external practica in which additional graduate students are supported by outside agencies such as the Illinois State Museum and the Illinois Public Archaeological Service.

[Provided that this program is approved, the department will then file a proposal to disestablish the separate Archaeology degree in future, offering current students the option of completing that degree under its current name or being admitted to the new degree.]