

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, September 11, 2009

DECISION ITEM A-1:

Master of Arts in Applied Anthropology To Be Offered by Indiana University at Its IUPUI Campus

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission for Higher Education approve the Master of Arts (M.A.) in Applied Anthropology to be offered by Indiana University at its IUPUI Campus, in accordance with the background discussion in this agenda item and the *Abstract*, August 28, 2009; and

That the Commission recommend no new state funds, in accordance with the supporting document, *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary*, August 28, 2009.

Background

Indiana University currently offers a B.A. in Anthropology at its IUPUI campus. In FY2008, this program enrolled 136 headcount or 90 FTE students and had 22 graduates.

The field of Applied Anthropology focuses on cross-cultural engagement with real world issues, especially those facing or with ties to the local community. So, for example, departmental faculty have engaged in a number of research efforts, such as the Ransom Place project, a cross-cultural longitudinal assessment of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, and studies of visitors to local museums. The proposed program would also take advantage of international partnerships, such as the one between IUPUI and Moi University in Kenya. A total of 34 U.S. universities currently offer graduate degrees in Applied Anthropology. This would be the first such offering in Indiana's public sector.

Students attending IUPUI would also have the opportunity of participating in a combined five year B.A./M.A. Qualified students could count up to 16 semester hours of credit taken during their junior and senior years toward both the B.A. in Anthropology and the M.A. in Applied Anthropology programs. Approval of the proposed program would put in place the first five-year combined B.A./M.A. on the IUPUI campus. The proposed program has been developed as a terminal degree, i.e. most students would seek work upon graduation rather than using the master's program as a step toward a doctoral degree.

Supporting Documents

- (1) *Abstract – Master of Arts in Applied Anthropology To Be Offered by Indiana University at Its IUPUI Campus, August 28, 2009*
- (2) *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary – M.A. in Applied Anthropology, August 28, 2009*

Abstract

Master of Arts in Applied Anthropology
To Be Offered by
Indiana University at Its IUPUI Campus

August 28, 2009

Objectives: To take advantage of the department's strengths in Public Archaeology, Urban Anthropology and Social Policy, International Development, Globalization, Medical Anthropology, and Museum Studies to produce students who may choose to follow a targeted curriculum which will allow them to focus on a particular aspect of the discipline, but who will also be well-trained in a broad range of anthropological theories and methods.

Clientele to be Served: Students who hold a minimum of a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, with a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a scale of 4.0). Students who demonstrate other strengths and good preparation for the program may be accepted at the discretion of the Anthropology Department Graduate Committee and with the approval of the graduate school.

Curriculum: A total of 36 semester credit hours are required to complete the program, distributed as follows:

Core Courses (6 credit hours)

- Fundamentals of Applied Anthropology (3)
- Anthropological Thought (3)

Methods Course within Chosen Sub-discipline (3 credit hours)

Field Methods Ethnography (3) **or**
Theory and Methods in Biological Anthropology (3) **or**
Archaeological Method and Theory (3)

Electives (21 credit hours)

Internship or Thesis (6 credit hours)

Employment Possibilities: Potential employers are not-for-profit institutions and agencies where the kind of training in a range of skills, including ethnographic research methods, quantitative analysis, archaeological field methods and osteology are in demand. Hospitals, social service agencies, and health clinics would be potential employers for individuals with graduate training in Biological Anthropology. Other potential employers include city planning and community development agencies, historical societies, state archaeologist offices and private contractors.

NEW ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM PROPOSAL SUMMARY

August 28, 2009

I. Prepared by Institution

Institution/Location: Indiana University to be offered at its IUPUI campus

Program: M.A. in Applied Anthropology

	Year 1 FY2010	Year 2 FY2011	Year 3 FY2012	Year 4 FY2013	Year 5 FY2014
Enrollment Projections (Headcount)					
Full-Time	3	4	4	4	4
Part-Time	5	10	15	15	15
Total	8	14	19	19	19
Enrollment Projections (FTE)					
Full-Time	2	3	3	3	3
Part-Time	3	5	8	8	8
Total	5	8	11	11	11
Degree Completions Projection	2	3	8	8	8
New State Funds Requested (Actual) *	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
New State Funds Requested (Increases) *	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

II. Prepared by CHE

New State Funds To Be Considered For Recommendation (Actual) *	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
New State Funds To Be Considered For Recommendation (Increases) *	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CHE Code: 09-23

Campus Code: 1813

County: Marion

Degree Level: 07

CIP Code: Federal – 450201; State – 450201

* Excludes new state dollars that may be provided through enrollment change funding.