

## ANT 492

### The Capstone Paper

The Capstone paper, ANT 492, is used to assess the Department of Anthropology's success at providing students with a well-rounded education about the human experience. In particular, the paper is used to assess Criteria 3) and 4) of the Learning Outcomes Assessment. Criteria 3) states that students should have the ability to provide, integrate, analyze, and assess evidence as it applies to a larger theoretical framework (i.e. statistical, historical, ethnographic, archaeological, etc.); and Criteria 4) states that students should have the ability to think critically and communicate ideas effectively.

The paper may either be generated in a 300 or 400 level Anthropology course or independently generated by students in their Junior or Senior year, although students are strongly advised not to take a course in association with ANT 492 in their last semester. The paper needs to be grammatically and stylistically correct, and follow the stylistic guidelines set forth by the instructor of the course they are taking in association with ANT 492.

If a student is not taking a course in association with ANT 492, then the student needs to follow the stylistic guidelines set forth by *American Anthropologist* (<http://www.aaanet.org/publications/guidelines.cfm>). In this instance, the paper should be 10-20 pages, illustrate the student's ability to carry out Criteria 3) and 4), and include an extensive bibliography.

The paper, either in conjunction with a course or independently generated, will be assessed by a committee of two faculty members of the Department of Anthropology. Each committee member will rate the paper based on a 10 point scale for a paper total of 20 points: 18-20 = A; 16-17 = B; 14-15 = C; 12-13 = D; under 12 = F. **The student will need to receive a "C" or above on the Capstone Paper for graduation, and the final deadline for the Capstone Paper is six weeks before the last day of the semester of graduation.**

# ANT 492 Capstone Course Application

## 1 Credit

Junior or Senior majors in Anthropology are required to take ANT 492, a one-credit capstone course, either in conjunction with a regular 300 or 400 level course, or independently generated. **Before signing up the ANT 492, you need to consult with the Anthropology faculty member you wish to work with. Don't forget, after faculty approval has been obtained, YOU MUST REGISTER IN MAINE STREET FOR ANT 492.**

Semester you are applying for: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maine Street ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Capstone will be done in conjunction with: ANT \_\_\_\_\_

or

\_\_\_\_\_ Capstone will be independently generated with Faculty supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Student will fulfill the capstone requirement by:

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**UPON COMPLETION, PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO SHELLEY PALMER, ROOM 106A SOUTH STEVENS HALL.**