**The University of Memphis**

**Department of Anthropology**

***M.A. Learning Goals and Measures***

**MA Learning Goals**

Goal 1: Students will demonstrate advanced comprehension of the holistic conceptual, theoretical and methodological foundations of anthropology.

Goal 2: Students will enhance and apply critical analysis and independent thought in relation to core constructs, theories, and methods in anthropological works, and will conceptualize, design and implement research on significant anthropological problems for building and strengthening community wellbeing and quality of life.

Goal 3: Students will gain practical experience in applying learned anthropological knowledge, methodology, and ethical principles.

Goal 4: Students will enhance written and oral communication of Anthropological themes and topics.

Goal 5: Students will implement professional training and career opportunities in Anthropology through participation in professional activities such as conference presentations, certification, workshops, and related activities.

**Measures**

1. Successful performance on the comprehensive written examination (Goals 1 and 2). Success is based on the ability to a) recall and articulate core and concentration specific knowledge, theory, and methods; b) distinguish and critique valid and fallacious reasoning; and c) apply concepts to real world problems.

2. Successful performance on the comprehensive oral examination (Goals 2 and 4). Success is based on the ability to a) critique and b) articulate their training and practicum experiences.

3. Successful performance on the Practicum Forum presentation (Goals 2, 3 and 4). Success is based on the ability to: a) organize and carry out a practicum assignment that addresses issues of community wellbeing; b) apply training principles to the practicum assignment; and c) articulate the results of their practicum in an organized oral presentation.

4. Successful performance on the Practicum Report (Goals 2, 3 and 4). Success is based on the ability to: a) organize and carry out a practicum assignment that addresses issues of community wellbeing; b) apply training principles to the practicum assignment; and c) articulate the results of their practicum in an organized, critically insightful, and well-written report format.

5. Successful professional growth demonstrated in the Practicum Report Curriculum Vitae (Goal 5). Success is based on participation in at least one professional conference, workshop, certification, or related activity.