Current guidelines for the Kroc-Anthro students are:

- A minimum of 21 hours of courses in Anthropology (5 required courses and 2 electives), and 18 hours of courses in peace studies (4 required courses and 2 electives)
- Proficiency in English and one other language (to be assessed by a language exam)
- A minimum of two research seminar papers, at least one of which will be an article of publishable quality and submitted to a scholarly publication
- Comprehensive examinations in Peace Studies/Anthropology and the prospectus presentation in Anthropology
- Applications for a combined minimum of \$15,000 in external funding for scholarly research
- Five semesters of research and teaching assistantships in anthropology and peace studies (Intro to Peace studies and 2 IIPS/ANTH courses, plus 2 research assistantships). Four of these must be completed for advancement to candidacy and all five must be completed for graduation
- A dissertation of original research
- Students in Anthropology usually are not expected to perform service obligations during their first and fifth years