SANM06, Social Anthropology: Master's (Two Years) Thesis, 15 credits

Socialantropologi: Examensarbete för masterexamen, 15 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the board of the Department of Sociology on 2022-11-18 to be valid from 2023-08-28, autumn semester 2023.

General Information

The course is offered as a freestanding course.

Language of instruction: Swedish and English

Main field of studies	Depth of study relative to the degree requirements
Social Anthropology	A2E, Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits)

Learning outcomes

For a Pass on the course, the student shall:

Knowledge and understanding
- demonstrate specialised knowledge and understanding in the social anthropological research field and related theory
- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the social anthropological research field
- critically and creatively identify and formulate complex research questions in the social anthropological research field

Competence and skills
- plan and, using appropriate methods and theories, carry out and present an

independent research project within a given time frame
- communicate research results verbally and in writing, and report and discuss their conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences
- demonstrate knowledge of scientific communication and independently be able to follow knowledge development in the subject area

Judgement and approach
- make assessments in the social anthropological field considering relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects in research and development as well as other relevant activities
- account for the potential and limitations of scientific research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used
- identify the need for additional knowledge and take responsibility for their own knowledge development

Course content

The course gives those who have a Master's degree (60 credits) or a pass on a Master's degree (60 credits) thesis in social anthropology the possibility to specialise by supplementing this to a Master's degree (120 credits).

The purpose of the course is to provide specialised theoretical, methodological and subject-related knowledge in social anthropology and facilitate participation in research and development work or other qualified contexts. The course consists of independent specialisation in, and active follow up of, a specific problem area and related social anthropological issues, methods and theories. The main component is the independent writing of a degree project (thesis) worth 30 credits, which should contribute to a scientific discussion.

Course design

The student is entitled to supervision during the writing process. The supervisor provides the student with advice and views on the design of the degree project. The student is responsible for carrying out the degree project. The completed degree project is reviewed and discussed by a peer reviewer at an examination seminar which also includes a critical review of another thesis.

Assessment

The course is assessed through a written thesis, 15 credits and a thesis seminar, 0 credits in which a peer reviewer and examiner participate. The hours for supervision are restricted to the semester in which the student was initially registered. Exceptions can be made if there are valid reasons.

The course includes opportunities for assessment at a first examination, a re-examination close to the first examination and a second re-sit for courses completed in the past year (catch-up exam). Within a year after a major change to the course or its cancellation, at least two further opportunities for assessment are offered on the same course content. After this, further re-examination opportunities are offered but in accordance with the current course syllabus. The number of occasions when students can have their thesis assessed is limited to five.

The Master's thesis should be published in an open access database on a server belonging to Lund University. Each student determines their own level of publication.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.
The grade for a non-passing result is Fail.. The student's performance is assessed with reference to the learning outcomes of the course. For the grade of E, the student must show acceptable results. For the grade of D, the student must show satisfactory results. For the grade of C, the student must show good results. For the grade of B, the student must show very good results. For the grade of A, the student must show excellent results. For the grade of Fail, the student will have shown unacceptable results.

The critical review of another thesis is excepted (0 credits) from the grading scale above. The grades awarded for this component are Pass or Fail. For the grade of Pass, the student must show acceptable results. For the grade of Fail, the student will have shown unacceptable results.

At the start of the course, students are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus and about the grading scale and how it is applied in the course.

Entry requirements

For admission to the course a Bachelor's degree in social anthropology or equivalent is required, plus 30 second-cycle credits in social anthropology or equivalent as well as 30 second-cycle credits in research methodology and/or theory of science (of which at least 15 credits in ethnographic methodology).

Further information

This course replaces SANM04 Social Anthropology: Master's (Two Years) Thesis, 15 credits

Subcourses in SANM06, Social Anthropology: Master's (Two Years) Thesis

Applies from H23

2301   Master Thesis, 15,0 hp
         Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
2302   Discussant, 0,0 hp
         Grading scale: Fail, Pass