

SANM04, 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 Faculty Board of Social Sciences on 2011-11-17 and was last revised on 2019-05-23 by the board of the Department of Sociology. The revised syllabus comes into effect 2020-01-20 and is valid from the spring semester 2020.

General information

The course is given as a single subject course at second cycle level and constitute a degree project for master's degree in social anthropology.

Language of instruction: Swedish and English

<i>Main field of study</i>	<i>Specialisation</i>
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Social Anthropology	A2E, Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits)
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Learning outcomes

To pass the examination students must

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate advanced knowledge and understanding of research in social anthropology as well as advanced knowledge in a specific research field
- demonstrate advanced knowledge in theory of knowledge and research methods in social anthropology
- be able to critically and creatively identify and formulate complex research questions in social anthropology

Competence and skills

- be able to plan a research project and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced research within predetermined time frames
- be able to review and evaluate research
- be able to 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
- be able to participate in research and development as well as independent projects in other qualified activities
- be able to demonstrate knowledge of scientific communication and independently be able to follow the knowledge development in the discipline

Judgement and approach

- be able to account for the possibilities of science and its limitations, its role in society and how it is used
- be able to identify the need of additional knowledge and to take responsibility for their own knowledge development
- be able to make assessments in the field of social anthropology, considering relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects in both research and development as well as other relevant activities

Course content

The course aims to give advanced theoretical and methodological knowledge in social anthropology through specialisation in a specific problem area and the use of social anthropological methods and theories. This course consists of writing a 15 credits master's thesis that shall constitute an independent scientific contribution to a social anthropological problem.

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 thesis project, but the student is responsible for its completion. The period of supervision is limited to the semester when the student first registered for the course. Exceptions are only possible if there is a specific reason for this. The completed thesis is to be reviewed and discussed at a final seminar by a specially appointed critical reviewer.

Assessment

The master's thesis is assessed at a final seminar where reviewer and examiner participate. To complete the course it is also required that the student function as a critical reviewer of another master's thesis.

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

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

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.

Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: U=Fail, E=Sufficient, D=Satisfactory, C=Good, B=Very Good, A=Excellent

The highest grade is A and the lowest grade for a Pass is E. The grade for a no pass is Fail.

The student's performance is assessed with reference to the learning outcomes of the course. For the grade E the student must show acceptable results. For the grade D the student must show satisfactory results. For the grade C the student must show good results. For the grade B the student must show very good results. For the grade A the student must show excellent results. For the grade Fail the student have shown unacceptable results.

Entry requirements

For admission to the course a Bachelor's degree in social anthropology or equivalent is required, plus 30 credits in social anthropological theory or the equivalent at second cycle level as well as 30 credits in research method and/or theory of knowledge at second cycle level.

Further information

The course replaces SANM01 Social anthropology: Degree Project for master's degree, 15 credits.