

SANN07, Social Anthropology: Engaging with Social Anthropological Theory, 15 credits

Socialantropologi: Fördjupning i socialantropologisk teori, 15 högskolepoäng
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the board of the Department of Sociology on 2025-05-28. The syllabus comes into effect 2025-06-03 and is valid from the spring semester 2026.

General information

The course is offered as a freestanding course and as a compulsory course within the Master's Programme in Social Anthropology (SASAN) 120 credits.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of study Specialisation

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| Social Anthropology | A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements |
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Learning outcomes

For a grade of Pass on the course, the student shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate in-depth knowledge of the theoretical development of social anthropology in recent decades
- understand the connection between new theoretical perspectives and general trends and processes in the wider world.

Competence and skills

- with a high degree of independence, demonstrate the ability to apply the perspectives taught in the course to events and processes in society and the wider world
- conduct knowledge reviews and identify new knowledge needs in the theoretical areas covered by the course
- independently monitor the development of knowledge in the subject area.

Judgement and approach

- critically evaluate and relate to contemporary social anthropological theory development.

Course content

The course aims to provide in-depth knowledge of contemporary social anthropological theory. The focus is on research that has significantly stimulated theory development in the subject, which is why themes and literature will be continuously reviewed and replaced. Great emphasis is placed on contextualising and historicising the literature to provide an understanding of how both previous theoretical perspectives and social developments in general in today's globalised world have influenced current prominent discussions in the discipline.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures, seminars and exercises. Participation in seminars and exercises is compulsory. Non-participation is compensated for by a replacement component later in the course.

Assessment

The course is assessed through a written take-home exam (15 credits).

The course includes opportunities for assessment at the first examination, a resit close to the first examination and a second resit for courses that have ended during that academic year (catch-up exam). At least two further re-examinations on the same course content are offered within a year of the course undergoing a major revision or being discontinued. After this, further re-examination opportunities are offered but in accordance with the current course syllabus.

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 grade for unacceptable results is Fail. The student's results are assessed based on the learning outcomes of the course. For the grade of E, the student must demonstrate sufficient 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 has demonstrated unacceptable results. At the start of the course, the student is informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus and the grading scale and how this is applied during the course.

Entry requirements

Admission to the course requires the equivalent of a Swedish Bachelor's degree with a major in social sciences, and 60 credits in social anthropology, sociology or equivalent . English 6.