

# Opasraportti

## Cultural Anthropology (2013 - 2014)

### Cultural Anthropology

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### Admission requirements

The right to study Cultural Anthropology as a major subject can be obtained by successfully passing an entrance examination, held every summer. Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology have a shared entrance exam. During the first year, by the end of March, students must choose between the two subjects and declare their major at the beginning of their Intermediate Level studies. 10 new students are accepted annually as Cultural Anthropology majors.

All students presently enrolled and registered at the University of Oulu are entitled to study the shared Cultural Anthropology–Archaeology Basic Studies package (25 ECTS cr). Students can apply for permission to study the Intermediate Studies package in Cultural Anthropology (35 ECTS cr) by addressing an informal motivational letter to the Professor of Cultural Anthropology. Students majoring in Archaeology, Saami Language or Saami Culture, however, are free to study Cultural Anthropology as a subsidiary subject without further application.

### Study guidance

The staff responsible for study guidance are the University Lecturer, tel. +358 29 48 3340 and the Professor of Cultural Anthropology, tel. +358 40 184 2176. A list of examiners for the courses is available on the website ( *in Finnish*).

### Cultural Anthropology

Cultural anthropology is a humanistic discipline focusing on culture. Cultural anthropology expressly studies people as cultural and social beings, as well as the lifestyles of individuals and groups of people. The ambition of cultural anthropology is to understand different cultures from their own perspective, and to learn how a person's cultural background affects their actions, thoughts and lives. Cultural anthropologists are interested in the unique characteristics that distinguish cultures from each other and the similarities different cultures share. Therefore, viewing matters from comparative perspectives is a common theme in the discipline. Cultural anthropology aims to understand and explain the characteristics of particular cultures, as well as the distinctions and similarities between them.

Cultural anthropology is not a specific discipline in the sense that it does not focus on a specific area or tradition of cultural research; rather, cultural anthropology is a general term for research that aims to combine different approaches and perspectives. As a result, fairly diverse areas of research fall under the term cultural anthropology, e. g., ethno history, economic anthropology, visual anthropology, anthropology of religion, medical anthropology, anthropology of media and anthropology of education. The primary application of anthropological research is providing means to solve social issues.

Characteristic features of cultural anthropology include theory formation and use of a comparative approach to cultures. One of the functions of cultural anthropology is to broaden a person's outlook on differing cultures. In addition, the cultural anthropology studies at the University of Oulu are closely connected with archaeology, at the Basic Studies level. The Cultural Anthropology curriculum is designed to motivate students to perceive culture as a phenomenon that is connected to its context, is a result of historical development, and is constantly changing. Similarly, the aim of Cultural Anthropology is to develop students' ability to analyse the relation between the individual and culture. Independent fieldwork has a prominent position in Cultural Anthropology's research methodology, and consequently, all students practise the technique during the different stages of their studies. The emphasis of the teaching and research at the University of Oulu lies on the northern cultures, the indigenous cultures of the Americas, and the modern phenomena of Western culture.

Subsidiary subjects that are related to and benefit Cultural Anthropology studies are, for example, Archaeology, Museology, History, Art History, Cultural Geography, Psychology, Sociology and Women's Studies, but other humanistic and social science subjects are also preferable subsidiary subjects. To improve their employability, it is considered beneficial for students of Cultural Anthropology to study commercial studies, languages, computer science, tourism or health sciences, for instance. Cultural Anthropology is also a subsidiary subject that complements other humanistic studies and the studies in the natural, social or health sciences.

### **Employment prospects**

Students graduating with a degree in Cultural Anthropology can utilize their education in the service of Finnish society in areas such as research, tourism, museums, the media, business and organizational activities. A background in cultural anthropology also prepares students for employment in international work, for example in the service of The Ministry for Foreign Affairs or international development organizations.

### **Practical information**

All students must register at the Student Services or online. Students should update any changes in their contact information either at the Student Services or via WebOodi. The department publishes a new curriculum at the beginning of each term which can be found on the Cultural Anthropology website. Information on important student happenings and events can also be found on the website and on the bulletin board.

The teaching methods used for instruction are a combination of lectures, seminars, book exams and fieldwork exercises. Students of Cultural Anthropology begin their studies with the Introductory Course. Students can take exams on the dates set for the faculty examinations or on the degree group (Group II – Cultural Studies) exam dates.

Students may, in some circumstances, produce lecture diaries or home essays in place of the written examinations, but these options must be arranged with the examiner. In addition, some lectures arranged by other departments can be used to fulfil the study requirements of the Cultural Anthropology degree programme. When taking examinations, students should state the name and code of the course they wish to receive credit for and the number of ECTS credits it represents. University staff will enter credits for a passed course in the student's official transcript upon completion of studies. Students should check their records approximately every six months to make sure credits have been received and that it is up to date. The University stores the study results (i.e. exam papers/essays) for six months after the announcement of the results.

### **Study packages and learning outcomes**

Upon completion of the Basic Studies package in Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology, students will be able to describe the history of the disciplines of archaeology and cultural anthropology, as well as the research methods and different theoretical bases they utilize. Students will know how to define the key concepts of archaeology and cultural anthropology, and will be able to describe the different fields of research. In addition, students will know how to explain the interaction between man and his surroundings over a long time perspective. Students will also be able to define the basic concepts of biological anthropology, and will know how to describe the bases of Finnish folklore.

Upon completion of the Intermediate Studies package in Cultural Anthropology, students will have acquired an understanding of the research methodologies and theoretical perspectives and trends in anthropology. Students will also be familiar with the central subfields of cultural anthropology. Students will be able to independently carry out small research projects based on ethnographic fieldwork. In addition, students will be able to converse and write in a manner befitting scholarly discourse.

Upon completion of the Advanced Studies package in Cultural Anthropology, students will be able to analyse the special characteristics relevant to an area of ethnography they choose to specialize in. Students will be able to separate different views of science, different theoretical and methodological research trends, and will also be able to implement their area of expertise regarding such views. Students will be able to construct a theoretically grounded

research frame and then answer the formulated research question. Students will be able to apply their studies of Cultural Anthropology in working life.

### **Basic Studies of Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology (25 ECTS credits)**

- 687223Y Personal Study Plan 1 (0 ECTS credits)
- 687300P Introduction to Archaeology (3 ECTS credits)
- 687301P Introduction to Classical Archaeology (2 ECTS credits)
- 687200P Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (5 ECTS credits)
- 687224P Introduction to Finnish Culture (5 ECTS credits)
- 687201P Development of Cultures (5 ECTS credits)
- 687225P Man and the Environment (3 ECTS credits)
- 687226P Introduction to Biological Anthropology (2 ECTS credits)

### **Intermediate Studies (45 ECTS credits)**

- 687227Y Personal Study Plan 2 *major students only*
- 687231A Introduction to Ethnography (6 ECTS credits)
- 687230A Focus Areas in Ethnography (4 ECTS credits)
- 687228A Anthropology of Media (5 ECTS credits)
- 687208A Special Fields in Cultural Anthropology (5 ECTS credits)
- 687209A Applied and Development Anthropology (4 ECTS credits)
- 687210A Seminar on Anthropological Methodology and Theory (8 ECTS credits)
- 687212A Candidate's Seminar (10 ECTS credits)
- 683395P Indigenous Peoples and Decolonization (3 ECTS credits)
- 687213A Maturity Test (0 ECTS credits) *major students only*

### **Advanced Studies (84 ECTS credits)**

- 687229Y Personal Study Plan 3 *major students only*
- 687214S Ethnographic Specialization (8 ECTS credits)
- 687215S Advanced Studies of Theory (10 ECTS credits)
- 687216S Advanced Method Studies (10 ECTS credits)
- 687217S Work Practice (8 ECTS credits)
- 687218S Seminar (8 ECTS credits)
- 687219S Master's Thesis (40 ECTS credits)
- 713101S Thesis in a Subsidiary Subject (20 ECTS credits)

687221S Maturity Test (0 ECTS credits) *major students only*

## Tutkintorakenteet

Tutkintorakenteen tila: archived

Lukuvuosi: 2013-14

Lukuvuoden alkamispäivämäärä: 01.08.2013

687216S: Advanced Anthropological Methods, 10 op  
 687215S: Advanced Anthropological Theory, 10 op  
 687214S: Ethnographic Specialization, 8 op  
 687219S: MA Thesis, 40 op  
 687221S: Maturity Test for Master's Degree / Cultural Anthropology, 0 op  
 687229Y: Personal Study Plan 3 (Master's degree), 0 op  
 687217S: Practical Training, 8 op  
 687218S: Seminar, 8 op

## Candidate's Degree/Cultural Anthropology

Tutkintorakenteen tila: archived

Lukuvuosi: 2013-14

Lukuvuoden alkamispäivämäärä: 01.08.2013

687225P: Humans and Environment, 3 op  
 687300P: Introduction to Archaeology, 3 op  
 687226P: Introduction to Biological Anthropology, 2 op  
 687301P: Introduction to Classical Archaeology, 2 op  
 687353P: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, 5 op  
 687354P: Introduction to Finnish Culture, 5 op  
 687201P: Origins of Society, 5 op  
 687223Y: Personal Study Plan 1 (Bachelor's degree), 0 op

687232A: Anthropology of Religion, 4 op  
 687209A: Applied and Development Anthropology, 4 - 6 op  
 687212A: Bachelor's Seminar, 10 op  
 687233A: Economic and Environmental Anthropology, 4 op  
 683395P: Indigenous Peoples and Northern Cultures, 3 op  
 687231A: Introduction to Ethnography, 6 op  
 687213A: Maturity Test for Bachelor's Degree / Cultural Anthropology, 0 op  
 687227Y: Personal Study Plan 2 (Bachelor's degree), 0 op  
 687234A: Political Anthropology, 4 op  
 687235A: Seminar in Anthropological Theory, 8 op

## Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuudet ja -jaksot

## Opintojaksojen kuvaukset

### Tutkintorakenteisiin kuuluvien opintokohteiden kuvaukset

#### 687216S: Advanced Anthropological Methods, 10 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish, English

**ECTS Credits:**

10

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Fourth/fifth year

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completing the course, students can explain and compare different methodological approaches, as well as develop a preliminary methodology for their own Pro Gradu (Master's) thesis.

**Contents:**

Methodologies of cultural anthropology

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching or self study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Study of literature and/or lectures

**Target group:**

Students majoring in Cultural Anthropology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Successful completion of Intermediate Level Studies package required

**Recommended optional programme components:**

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**Recommended or required reading:**

1) Required reading (5 ECTS credits): H. Russell Bernard (ed.), Handbook of Methods in Cultural Anthropology (1998)(preface + 130–150 pages self-choice); Charlotta A. Davies, Reflexive Ethnography: A Guide to Researching Selves and Others (2002); Jouni Tuomi & Anneli Sarajärvi, Laadullinen tutkimus ja sisällönanalyysi (2009), or

2) Literature related to the methodology of the student's own research (5 ECTS credits)

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2) Literature related to the methodology of the student's own research (5 ECTS credits)

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Book exam, oral exam and/or essay

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Professor Hannu I. Heikkinen

**Working life cooperation:**

No

## 687215S: Advanced Anthropological Theory, 10 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** English, Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

10

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Fourth/fifth year

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completing the course, students can explain the general traditions of theory in cultural anthropology, as well as build a preliminary theoretical frame of reference for their own Pro Gradu (Master's) thesis.

**Contents:**

Theories of cultural anthropology

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching or self study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

The course consists of two parts: 1) Compulsory book exam (5 ECTS credits), and 2) an essay based on the theory literature related to the student's own research and/or study group or lectures (5 ECTS credits)

**Target group:**

Students majoring in Cultural Anthropology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Completion of Intermediate Level Studies package

**Recommended optional programme components:**

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**Recommended or required reading:**

1) Compulsory works (5 ECTS credits): Alan Barnard, History and Theory in Anthropology (2000); Clifford & Marcus (eds.), Writing Culture: Poetics and Politics of Ethnography (1986)(preface + 80–100 pages self-choice); Kuznar, Reclaiming A Scientific Anthropology(2008)

2) Theory literature related to the student's own research (5 ECTS credits)

1) Compulsory works (5 ECTS credits): Alan Barnard, History and Theory in Anthropology (2000); Clifford & Marcus (eds.), Writing Culture: Poetics and Politics of Ethnography (1986)(preface + 80–100 pages self-choice); Kuznar, Reclaiming A Scientific Anthropology(2008)

2) Theory literature related to the student's own research (5 ECTS credits)

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Book exam and/or study group/essay/lectures

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Professor Hannu I. Heikkinen

**Working life cooperation:**

No

## 687214S: Ethnographic Specialization, 8 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

8

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Fourth/fifth year

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completing the course, students will know how to explain and analyse the ethnography related to the topic of their Pro Gradu (Master's Thesis).

**Contents:**

Ethnographies of cultural anthropology

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching or self study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Study of relevant literature and/or lectures

**Target group:**

Students majoring in Cultural Anthropology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Completion of Intermediate Level study package

**Recommended optional programme components:**

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**Recommended or required reading:**

Literature to be agreed upon with the lecturer

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Formal written examination (4 ECTS credits) and essay (4 ECTS credits)

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

University Lecturer Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

**Working life cooperation:**

No

**687219S: MA Thesis, 40 op****Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies**Laji:** Diploma thesis**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish**ECTS Credits:**

40

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Fifth year

**Learning outcomes:**

Students can formulate a research question and solve it by conducting independent research. Additionally, students are able to demonstrate a good command of academic discourse.

**Contents:**

Academic writing and discussion, and analysis and interpretation of the contents of the research material

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching and self study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Supervised, independent research

**Target group:**

Students majoring in Cultural Anthropology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Completion of Intermediate Level Studies package and Advanced Studies Seminar

**Recommended optional programme components:**

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**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Pro Gradu thesis

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Professor Hannu I. Heikkinen

**Working life cooperation:**

No

## 687221S: Maturity Test for Master's Degree / Cultural Anthropology, 0 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

0

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish or Swedish (or mother tongue)

**Timing:**

Fifth year, spring semester

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the Maturity test students will be able to present the central method bases, results and conclusions of their research in an professional, compact and selective manner.

**Contents:**

An abstract of the Pro Gradu (Master's) thesis

**Mode of delivery:**

Self study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

An abstract of the Pro Gradu (Master's) thesis written in the student's mother tongue. The abstract should be filled in a form which is available from the Faculty website.

**Target group:**

Students majoring in Cultural Anthropology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Previous studies: Pro Gradu thesis left for official evaluation

**Recommended optional programme components:**

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**Recommended or required reading:**

As agreed with the thesis supervisor

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Abstract written for the thesis

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Pass/fail

**Person responsible:**

Thesis supervisor

**Working life cooperation:**

No

## 687229Y: Personal Study Plan 3 (Master's degree), 0 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2009 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** General Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen



**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

0

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

4th or 5th year

**Contents:**

At the beginning of their Master's programme, students design a personal study plan which functions as a template for the completion of their degree. This integrates their professional goals with the subjects they wish to study.

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Personal discussion with the teacher tutor

**Target group:**

Students majoring in Cultural Anthropology

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Written study plan

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

pass

**Person responsible:**

University Lecturer Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

**Working life cooperation:**

No

## 687217S: Practical Training, 8 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Practical training

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

8

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Fourth/fifth year

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completing the course, students will know how to apply the scholarship of cultural anthropology in working life.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Work practice in Finland or abroad

**Target group:**

Advanced-level students of Cultural Anthropology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Completion of Intermediate Level Studies package

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Work reference gained from the work practice and a work practice report (1–2 pages)

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Pass/fail

**Person responsible:**

University Lecturer Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

**Working life cooperation:**

Students will have to handle work practice placement themselves and make sure a university lecturer approves of the work. Students can apply for a financial grant for the work practice. The minimum duration of the work practice is 1.5 months.

**687218S: Seminar, 8 op****Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies**Laji:** Course**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail**Opettajat:** Heikkinen, Hannu Ilmari**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish**ECTS Credits:**

8

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Fourth/fifth year

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students has learned how to formulate and demonstrate the research frame of their Pro Gradu (Master's) thesis. Additionally, students has learned how to comment on other students' theses.

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Seminar work

**Target group:**

Students majoring in Cultural Anthropology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Intermediate Studies in Cultural Anthropology

**Recommended or required reading:**

Seminar instructions and literature related to student's own field of research

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

1) Participating in the introductory seminar meeting at the beginning of the term and in the Information Skills training offered by the university library

2) Attending at least ten seminar sessions in addition to those at which the student presents their own work

3) Presenting one's own research plan and written research

4) Acting as an opponent for another student's research plan and written research

5) Drawing up a record of at least two sessions

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4) Acting as an opponent for another student's research plan and written research

5) Drawing up a record of at least two sessions

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Pass/fail

**Person responsible:**

Professor Hannu Heikkinen

**Working life cooperation:**

No

**Other information:**

Students can download seminar instructions from the Cultural Anthropology website or from the library

**687225P: Humans and Environment, 3 op****Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2009 -**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies**Laji:** Course**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Okkonen, Jari Pekka

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay687225P Humans and Environment (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

3 ECTS credits

Part A: 1,5 ECTS cr, part B: ECTS 1,5 cr

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

1st year, spring

**Learning outcomes:**

Part A: Upon completing the course, students can describe the relation between protecting cultural heritage and protecting the environment, as well as the interaction between man and nature in the long-term. Students can discuss how specific cultures have adapted to their environments

Part B: Upon completing the course, students can describe the fundamentals of the interaction between man and environment, and man's concept of nature. Students can also define man's relation to his immediate environment and the cultural factors that control it, and discuss contemporary environmental questions and their effects on local communities.

**Contents:**

Part A: Relation between protecting cultural heritage and protecting the environment, interaction in global context between man and nature in the long-term (lectures, 1,5 ECTS cr).

Part B, The central concepts and perspectives of environmental anthropology (lectures, 1,5 ECTS credits).

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Part A: 15 hours of lectures. Lecture exercises, group discussion and revision test

Part B: Lectures

**Target group:**

First-year students of Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

None

**Recommended optional programme components:**

None

**Recommended or required reading:**

Lecture hand-outs and literature

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Lecture exercises, group discussion and revision test/examination

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Part A: University Lecturer Jari Okkonen

Part B: Professor Hannu Heikkinen

**Working life cooperation:**

No

## **687300P: Introduction to Archaeology, 3 op**

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Okkonen, Jari Pekka

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay687300P Introduction to Archaeology (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

3

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

1st year

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completing the course, students have basic knowledge of the different aspects of archaeology and its research methods, philosophy, and theories. Students can also define the special status of archaeology as a field between the natural and humanistic sciences.

**Contents:**

Archaeology as a science, research methods, history, and theory of archaeology, and the relations between archaeology and other sciences. The relation of archaeology and the cultural heritage, and interpreting the past through archaeological means.

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

24 hours of lectures, lecture exercises, group discussion and revision test

**Target group:**

First-year students of Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

None

**Recommended optional programme components:**

None

**Recommended or required reading:**

Reading materials handed out at lectures

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Lecture examination

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

University Lecturer Jari Okkonen

**Working life cooperation:**

No

## **687226P: Introduction to Biological Anthropology, 2 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2009 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Markku Niskanen

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay687226P Introduction to Biological Anthropology (OPEN UNI) 2.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

2

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

First year

**Learning outcomes:**

This course provides a general but comprehensive look at biological anthropology, focusing in the evolution of the human species on the basis of fossil and genetic evidence. Upon successful completion of this course, students will

have a basic knowledge of the evolutionary processes that led to modern humans, and should thus be able to identify the different hominine species.

**Contents:**

Basic concepts of biological anthropology, research methods and interpretations

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures

**Target group:**

First-year students of Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

None

**Recommended optional programme components:**

None

**Recommended or required reading:**

Suggested readings given in class

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Examination

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Researcher Markku Niskanen

**Working life cooperation:**

No

## 687301P: Introduction to Classical Archaeology, 2 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Eero Jarva

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay687301P Introduction to Classical Archaeology (OPEN UNI) 2.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

2

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

1st year

**Learning outcomes:**

After completing the course, students can describe the basic concepts of classical archaeology and the special features which are used to form a picture of the Mediterranean material culture as a part of Western and global cultural heritage.

**Contents:**

Classical archaeology as a science, its research methods, history, theory, and relations to other sciences

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures

**Target group:**

First-year students of Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

None

**Recommended optional programme components:**

None

**Recommended or required reading:**

Lecture materials

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Examination

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

University Lecturer Eero Jarva

**Working life cooperation:**

No

**687353P: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, 5 op****Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies**Laji:** Course**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail**Opettajat:** Heikkinen, Hannu Ilmari**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay687353P Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**ECTS Credits:**

5

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**1<sup>st</sup> year, autumn term**Learning outcomes:**

Students are able use the elementary concepts of Cultural Anthropology and analyse the research traditions related to these concepts.

**Contents:**

Elementary concepts of Cultural Anthropology, aspects of research and research traditions

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lecture and reading academic articles

**Target group:**

First year students of Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology

**Recommended or required reading:**

Lecture materials and reading: S. Nanda and R. L. Warms, Culture Counts: A Concise Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (2012)

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Formal lecture examination and book exam

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Professor Hannu I. Heikkinen

**Working life cooperation:**

No

**687354P: Introduction to Finnish Culture, 5 op****Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2013 -**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies**Laji:** Course**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen, Ikäheimo, Janne Petteri

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay687354P Introduction to Finnish Culture (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5

The course consists of two parts:

1) Part A: Introduction to Finnish Folk Culture: 2.5 ECTS credits

2) Part B: Introduction to Finnish Prehistory: 2.5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

1<sup>st</sup> year, autumn term

**Learning outcomes:**

Part A: Introduction to Finnish Folk Culture: Students can describe the material, regional, social and economic foundations of Finnish folk culture.

Part B: Introduction to Finnish Prehistory: Students understand the central features of the development of prehistoric Finnish culture and can cite the central evidence concerning it with reference to region and era.

**Contents:**

Part A: Introduction to Finnish Folk Culture: Material, regional, social and economic foundations of Finnish folk culture.

Part B: Introduction to Finnish Prehistory: Settlement of Finland after the Ice Age, cultural development from the Stone Age to the beginning of the historical era based on prehistoric evidence and ancient artefacts as well as referential material about human activity and the environment of human activity, and history of research of Finnish prehistory.

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching or self-study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Part A: Introduction to Finnish Folk Culture: Lecture and independent working with assignments. Amount of contact teaching 18 h.

Part B: Introduction to Finnish prehistory: Lectures. Amount of contact teaching 18 h. Alternative assessment method: book exam.

**Target group:**

First year students of Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology

**Recommended or required reading:**

Material distributed in the lectures

Part B: Introduction to Finnish Prehistory: Literature is agreed upon with the teacher responsible

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Part A: Formal lecture examination

Part B: Formal lecture examination or alternative assessment method: book exam

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Part A: University Lecturer Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

Part B: University Lecturer Janne Ikäheimo

**Working life cooperation:**

No

## **687201P: Origins of Society, 5 op**

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay687201P Origins of Society (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

Part A: 2,5 ECTS cr

Part B: 2,5 ECTS cr

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

First year

**Learning outcomes:**

Part A: The course deals with the origins and development of societies in the Old and New Worlds. It examines the introduction of food production and its irreversible consequences for humanity, and analyses the trends toward increasing economic, social, and political complexity that led to the rise of early states. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to describe the processes that led to plant and animal domestication and the eventual rise of preindustrial states throughout the world.

Part B: Upon completing the course, students can describe the central developments in northern Finnish culture from the 17<sup>th</sup> century to modern day. Students can also discuss changes in the nature-dependent way of life, adaptation to it, and social and cultural factors affecting it, from an ethnographical perspective, using examples.

**Contents:**

Part A: Factors and patterns which shape the development of cultures.

Part B: The change of the nature-dependent way of life, and its ecological, social, technical and economical aspects and their effects on northern Finland from the 17<sup>th</sup> century to modern day.

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Part A: Lectures

Part B: Lectures

**Target group:**

First year students of Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

None

**Recommended optional programme components:**

None

**Recommended or required reading:**

P. Bogucki, The Origins of Human Society; or B. Fagan, People of the Earth

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Part A: Oral exam or poster

Part B: Exam

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Part A: Professor

Part B: University Lecturer Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

**Working life cooperation:**

No

**687223Y: Personal Study Plan 1 (Bachelor's degree), 0 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2009 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** General Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish



**ECTS Credits:**

0

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

First year, autumn semester

**Learning outcomes:**

Students devise a plan that serves as a template for completion of a Candidate's Degree. Students create the plan according to their own educational (and career) goals.

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Discussions with the teacher tutor.

**Target group:**

First year students of Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

None

**Recommended optional programme components:**

None

**Recommended or required reading:**

None

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Written study plan

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Pass

**Person responsible:**

University Lecturer Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

**Working life cooperation:**

No

**687232A: Anthropology of Religion, 4 op**

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2013 -

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opettajat: Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

4

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year**Learning outcomes:**

After completing the course, students can explain the essentials of the study of religions and similar belief-systems based on the lectures and/or supplementary literature.

**Contents:**

Lecture, held every other year, and book exam

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching or self-study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lecture and readings chosen by lecturer

**Target group:**

Major and subsidiary subject students of Cultural Anthropology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Completed Basic Studies

**Recommended optional programme components:**

**Recommended or required reading:**

Compulsory introductory literature: Fiona Bowie, *The Anthropology of Religion: An Introduction* (2006)  
 Examples of the elective literature: Mary Douglas, *Natural Symbols: Explorations in Cosmology* (1996); Victor Turner, *Rituaali: Rakenne ja Communitas* (2007); Merete D. Jakobsen, *Shamanism: Traditional and Contemporary Approaches to the Mastery of Spirits and Healing* (1999); Pascal Boyer, *Ja Ihminen Loi Jumalat: Kuinka Uskonto Selitetään* (2007); A-L. Siikala, *Suomalainen Šamanismi: Mielikuvien Historiaa* (1992)

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Lectures and literature

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

University Lecturer

**Working life cooperation:**

No

**687209A: Applied and Development Anthropology, 4 - 6 op**

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

6

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Second or third year

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completing the course, students will know how to explain the meaning of applied and development anthropology, and can recognize the possibilities of applying anthropological research to sociological questions.

**Contents:**

- a) Environmental conservation
- b) Developmental projects
- c) Indigenous issues
- d) Organizations
- f) Finnish society
- g) Other special field, readings to be agreed with the course teacher

**Mode of delivery:**

Lecture on a special field that is held every other year and book exam.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Study of the literature and/or lectures

**Target group:**

Major and minor students of Cultural Anthropology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Completion of the Basic Studies package

**Recommended optional programme components:****Recommended or required reading:**

- 1) Compulsory reading: Ervin, Alexander 2004. *Applied Anthropology: Tools and Perspectives for Contemporary Practice*.
- 2) Examples of the elective literature (to be agreed with the course teacher): Satish, Kedia & van Willigen, John (toim.) 2005. *Applied anthropology: domains of application*; Helman, Cecil G. 2000. *Culture, Health and Illness*; Mathews, Gordon & Izquierdo, Carolina 2009. *Pursuits of Happiness: Well-being in Anthropological Perspective*; Berglund, Eeva 1998. *Knowing nature, knowing science: an ethnography of environmental activism*; Schiffer, Michael. B. 2001. *Anthropological Perspectives on Technology*; Caron, André H. & Letizia Caronia 2007. *Moving Cultures - Mobile Communication in Everyday Life*; Kinnunen, Taina ja Puuronen, Anne (toim.) 2006. *Seksuaalinen ruumis - kulttuuritieteelliset lähestymistavat*; Marin, Marjatta & Hakonen, Sinikka (toim.) 2003. *Seniori- ja vanhustyö arjen*

kulttuurissa; Honkasalo, Marja-Liisa 2008. Reikä sydämessä. Sairaus pohjoiskarjalaisessa maisemassa; Kinnunen, Taina 2008. Lihaan leikattu kauneus. Kosmeettisen kirurgian ruumiillistuneet merkitykset; Suopajarvi, Tiina 2009. Sukupuoli meni metsään; Meriläinen-Hyvärinen, Anneli 2008. Luonnon kanssa käsikkäin.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Book exam and/or lectures

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

University Lecturer of Cultural Anthropology

**Working life cooperation:**

No

## 687212A: Bachelor's Seminar, 10 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

10

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Third year

**Learning outcomes:**

During the writing process of the Candidate's Seminar, students will learn to use reference materials, apply fieldwork methods in practical research and how to analyse their research material.

**Contents:**

Searching for research literature, scholarly writing and discourse, and analysing the contents of the material

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Seminar work (attendance, active participation in class, summary of a book, research plan, thesis and opposing a fellow student's work) and writing a Candidate's Thesis (20–25 pages)

**Target group:**

Students majoring in Cultural Anthropology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Completion of the Basic Studies package, and Introduction to Ethnography and Seminar on Theory

**Recommended optional programme components:**

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**Recommended or required reading:**

Literature related to the Candidate's Thesis topic

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Attendance, active participation in class, summary of a book, research plan, Candidate's Thesis and opposing another student's work

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

University lecturer Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

**Working life cooperation:**

No

## 687233A: Economic and Environmental Anthropology, 4 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2013 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

4

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year

**Learning outcomes:**

After completing the course, students understand the essential features of economic anthropology and environmental anthropology, and are able to apply the theoretical and methodological approaches of the field.

**Contents:**

Dedicated lecture course, held every other year, and book exam

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact learning or independent studying

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lecture and reading the agreed literature

**Target group:**

Major and subsidiary subject students of Cultural Anthropology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Completion of Basic Studies in Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology required

**Recommended optional programme components:**

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**Recommended or required reading:**

Required introductory literature: R. Wilk and L. Cliggett, *Economies and Cultures: Foundations of Economic Anthropology* (2007)

Examples of the elective literature: Michael R. Dove and Carol Carpenter, *Environmental Anthropology: A Historical Reader* (2008); X. Jonathan and R. Rosaldo (eds), *The Anthropology of Globalization: A Reader* (2007); Susan Crate and Mark Nuttall, *Anthropology and Climate Change: From Encounters to Actions* (2009); Margo DeMello, *Animals and Society: An Introduction to Human–Animal Studies* (2012); Minna Ruckenstein and Timo Kallinen (eds), *Rahan Kulttuuri* (2009); Jukka Pennanen and Klemetti Näkkäläjärvi (eds), *Siiddastallan: Siidoista Kyliin* (2000), Timo Kallinen, Anja Nygren and Tuomas Tammisto (eds), *Ympäristö ja Kulttuuri* (2012)

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Lectures and Literature

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

University Lecturer

**Working life cooperation:**

No

## 683395P: Indigenous Peoples and Northern Cultures, 3 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Giellagas Institute for Saami Studies

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay683395P Indigenous peoples and northern cultures (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

3

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish/English

**Timing:**

First year, spring semester

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completing the course, students can describe and explain the culture of indigenous peoples and developments related to decolonization.

**Contents:**

Students will be introduced to the concept of indigenous peoples and its relevance in international relations, as well as become acquainted with some indigenous peoples' present day lives and history

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching and self study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures and independent study of relevant literature

**Target group:**

First-year students

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

None

**Recommended optional programme components:**

-

**Recommended or required reading:**

Literature/selected articles

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Formal written exam on lectures or lecture diary; book exam/essay

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.**Grading:**

0–5

**Person responsible:**

University Lecturer of Saami Culture

**Working life cooperation:**

No

**687231A: Introduction to Ethnography, 6 op****Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies**Laji:** Course**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail**Opettajat:** Riitta-Marja Leinonen**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish**ECTS Credits:**

6

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Second year, spring semester

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completing the course, students will be able to recognize and apply ethnographic fieldwork methods, and are able to describe their own research processes. Students will be able to analyse and interpret the research material they have collected through participant observation and interviews.

**Contents:**

Methods of acquiring and analysing material

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures, fieldwork exercises and excursions

**Target group:**

Major and minor students of Cultural Anthropology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Completion of Basic Studies package

**Recommended optional programme components:**

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**Recommended or required reading:**

Course materials will be handed out during the lectures.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Formal written exam, fieldwork exercises and attendance at excursion

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Pass/fail

**Person responsible:**

University Lecturer

**Working life cooperation:**

Fieldwork exercises

**Other information:**

It is possible for students to incorporate segments of the other department's methodology courses into this course.

## 687213A: Maturity Test for Bachelor's Degree / Cultural Anthropology, 0 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

0

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish or Swedish (or mother tongue)

**Timing:**

Third year, spring semester

**Learning outcomes:**

Based on a given assignment, students will have the skills to write an essay which is academic in terms of language and content, and in which they will be able to demonstrate the theoretic and methodological background of their thesis in an evaluative way.

**Contents:**

An essay based on the Candidate's thesis.

**Mode of delivery:**

Self study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Maturity Test is written at a faculty exam session

**Target group:**

Students majoring in Cultural Anthropology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Successful completion of Candidate's Thesis

**Recommended optional programme components:**

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**Recommended or required reading:**

As agreed with the thesis supervisor

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Essay written at an exam session

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Pass/fail

**Person responsible:**

University Lecturer Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

**Working life cooperation:**

No

**687227Y: Personal Study Plan 2 (Bachelor's degree), 0 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2009 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** General Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

0

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

3rd year

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Discussions with the teacher tutor

**Target group:**

Students majoring in Cultural Anthropology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Personal Study Plan designed in the course of the first year.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Written study plan

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Pass

**Person responsible:**

University Lecturer Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

**Working life cooperation:**

No

**687234A: Political Anthropology, 4 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2013 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

4

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year

**Learning outcomes:**

After completing the course, students are able to analyse the central concepts and research trends in Political Anthropology and in their chosen field of focus. Focus may be on, for example, gender studies, political ecology and political anthropology of indigenous people.

**Mode of delivery:**

Lecture on a special field that is held every other year and book exam

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lecture and reading literature agreed upon with lecturer

**Target group:**

Major and subsidiary subject students of Cultural Anthropology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Completion of Basic Studies in Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology required

**Recommended optional programme components:**

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**Recommended or required reading:**

Compulsory introductory literature: Ted C. Lewellen, Political Anthropology (2003)

Examples of the elective literature: Pamela Geller and Miranda Stockett (eds), Feminist Anthropology: Past, Present and Future (2006); A. Biersack and J. B. Greenberg (eds), Reimagining Political Ecology (2006); Loretta Fowler, Wives and Husbands: Gender and Age in Southern Arapaho History (2010); Veli-Pekka Lehtola, Saamelaiset Suomalaiset (2012)

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Examination on lecture and literature

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

University Lecturer

## 687235A: Seminar in Anthropological Theory, 8 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2013 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Riitta-Marja Leinonen

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

8

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

2nd year, spring

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course students can describe the essential features and development of the philosophy of science as well as anthropological theories.

**Contents:**

Fundamentals and different schools of

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching, seminar work.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Seminar and book exam.

**Target group:**

Students majoring or minoring in Cultural Anthropology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Successful completion of Basic Studies in Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology.

**Recommended optional programme components:**

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**Recommended or required reading:**

McGee, R. Jon & Warms, Richard L. (eds.) 2000: Anthropological Theory. An Introductory History.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Book exam and formal lecture examination, seminar work.

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

University Lecturer

**Working life cooperation:**

No



## Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomien opintokokonaisuuksien ja -jaksojen kuvaukset

### 713101S: Thesis in a Minor Subject, 20 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Diploma thesis

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

20

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

4th or 5th year

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completing the course, students can conduct independent research and interpret their research results from ethnographic and theoretical bases.

**Contents:**

Scholarly writing, analysis and interpretation of findings

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching and self study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Supervised, independent research

**Target group:**

Minor students of Cultural Anthropology

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Completion of Intermediate Level Studies package and Advanced Studies Seminar required

**Recommended optional programme components:**

Successful completion of the Intermediate Studies and Advanced Studies Seminar.

**Recommended or required reading:**

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**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Thesis in advanced studies of a subsidiary (minor) subject

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Professor Hannu Heikkinen

**Working life cooperation:**

No