

Opasraportti

Cultural Anthropology (2016 - 2017)

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Admission requirements

Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology hold a joint entrance examination annually. Based on this examination, study rights are granted to 20 students. Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology have shared Basic Studies. During the first year, by the end of March, students must choose between the two subjects and declare their major. Both programmes accept 10 new students annually as major-subject students.

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

Study guidance

Study guidance is provided by 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.

Cultural Anthropology

Cultural anthropology studies people as cultural and social beings, as well as the lifestyles of individuals and groups of people in various parts of the world in the past and present. The ambition of cultural anthropology is to learn to analyse different cultures and to examine 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 and forming uniform theories are common themes in the discipline. An important aim of research and education on the field is to improve our understanding of foreign cultures and to reveal and analyse our own cultural conduct and practices.

Special fields of study in cultural anthropology are, for example, anthropology of religion and anthropology of economics. Special fields of cultural anthropology work closely together with sciences that study the same fields. Primary application of anthropological research is providing means to solve social issues. In Oulu, studies and research of cultural anthropology focus on northern cultures, interaction between cultures, as well as political

anthropology, anthropology of religion, environmental anthropology, and applied anthropology. Independent fieldwork has a prominent position in the research of cultural anthropology.

Students can freely choose their combination of subjects already during Basic Studies. Subsidiary (minor) subjects that are related to and benefit Cultural Anthropology studies are, for example, Archaeology, Museology, History, Art History, Saami Studies, Geography, Psychology, Sociology, Women's Studies, and Economics, 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 (minor) 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 utilise their education in areas such as research, museums, the media, adult education, as well as business, organisational and administrative activities. A background in cultural anthropology also prepares students for work that includes international cooperation.

Practical information

All students must register at the Student Centre of the University. Students should update any changes in their contact information either at the Student Centre or via WebOodi. The department publishes a new curriculum at the beginning of each term, and it can be found on the website of Cultural Anthropology (<http://www oulu.fi/kulttuuriantropologia/node/4731>) (in Finnish). Information on information and feedback sessions, as well as important student happenings and events can be found on the website, on the bulletin board, and by subscribing to the email list for students of Cultural Anthropology. Teaching methods used for instruction are lectures, seminars, book exams, and fieldwork exercises. Students of Cultural Anthropology begin their studies with an 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, as well as in Examinarium.

Students may, in some cases, produce lecture diaries or home essays in place of written examinations, but these options must be agreed upon with the person responsible of each course. In addition, some lectures arranged by other departments as well as studies completed abroad can be used to fulfil the study requirements of the Cultural Anthropology degree programme. Also these options must be agreed upon with the person responsible. When signing up for 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 the course. 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. Studies in Cultural Anthropology may be completed as summer courses as well.

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, as well as the research methods and different theoretical bases they utilise. Students will be able to define key concepts of archaeology and cultural anthropology, and will be able to describe different fields of research. In addition, students will know how to explain the interaction between people and their surroundings over a long time perspective. Students will also be able to define the basic concepts of the various subfields of anthropology.

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 independently gathered data. In addition, students will be able to converse, present arguments, 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 specialise in. Students will be able to distinguish between 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 expertise provided by studies of cultural anthropology in working life.

Tutkintorakenteet

Candidate's Degree/Cultural Anthropology

Tutkintorakenteen tila: published

Lukuvuosi: 2016-17

Lukuvuoden alkamispäivämäärä: 01.08.2016

Language and Communication Studies (enintään 15 op)

A116401: Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology, basic studies, 25 op

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

687359P: Introduction to Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology, 5 op

687360P: Social World, 5 op

687361P: Biology and Culture, 5 op

687362P: Material Culture, 5 op

687363P: Humans and the Environment, 5 op

A111002: Cultural Anthropology, intermediate studies, 45 op

Compulsory courses (35 ECTS)

687240A: Introduction to Ethnography, 5 op

687241A: Anthropology of Religion, 5 op

687242A: Economic and Environmental Anthropology, 5 op

687243A: Political Anthropology, 5 op

687244A: Applied and Development Anthropology, 5 op

687245A: Seminar on Anthropological Theory, 5 op

683507P: Multicultural Indigenous Communities, 5 op

Compulsory courses for major

687212A: Bachelor's Seminar, 10 op

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

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

Other minor subjects and studies

Master's Degree/Cultural Anthropology

Tutkintorakenteen tila: published

Lukuvuosi: 2016-17

Lukuvuoden alkamispäivämäärä: 01.08.2016

Advanced Studies/Cultural Anthropology (vähintään 84 op)

A111003: Cultural Anthropology, Advanced Studies, 80 op

Compulsory courses for major (10 ECTS)

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

687214S: Ethnographic Specialization, 8 op

687215S: Advanced Anthropological Theory, 10 op

687216S: Advanced Anthropological Methods, 10 op

687217S: Practical Training, 8 op

687218S: Seminar, 8 op

687219S: MA Thesis, 40 op

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

Minor subject and/or other studies

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuudet ja -jaksot

713101S: Thesis in a Minor Subject, 20 op

Opintojaksosten kuvaukset

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuuluvien opintokohteiden kuvaukset

A116401: Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology, basic studies, 25 op

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Study module

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opettajat: Heikkinen, Hannu Ilmari

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:

ayA116401 Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology, basic studies (OPEN UNI) 25.0 op

Ei opintojaksokuvauksia.

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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:

1st year, at the beginning of studies

Learning outcomes:

Students will have produced a written plan concerning the completion of their degree. Personal Study Plan consists of the goals students set for themselves regarding their education and the future working-life.

Contents:

Producing a personal study plan

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Producing a personal study plan in WebOodi with the guidance of 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:

Personal study plan approved by teacher tutor in WebOodi

Grading:

Approved study plan

Person responsible:

Teacher tutor

Working life cooperation:

None

687359P: Introduction to Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2015 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:

ay687359P Introduction to Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

ECTS Credits:

5

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

1st year, autumn term

Learning outcomes:

Students will be able to display knowledge of the subfields, research methods, histories and philosophies of science, fundamental concepts and theories, as well as connections between anthropology, especially cultural anthropology and archaeology. In addition, students will be able to define the standing of the disciplines in relation to other disciplines. Students will also be able to define the significance of enculturation to our concepts of reality.

Contents:

Cultural anthropology and archaeology as disciplines; central research methods, history of science, central concepts and theories of the disciplines; as well as the standing of the disciplines in relation to other disciplines and each other; understanding, recording and producing past and contemporary cultures from a northern perspective

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lectures, written assignments or exercises

Target group:

First-year students of Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

None

Recommended optional programme components:

None

Recommended or required reading:

Material handed out during lectures

Assessment methods and criteria:

Exercises assigned on lectures and a formal lecture examination or (written) assignments

Grading:

0–5

Person responsible:

Professor Vesa-Pekka Herva

Working life cooperation:

None

687360P: Social World, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2015 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opettajat: Timo Ylimaunu

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:

5 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

1st year

Learning outcomes:

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to explain what the concept of social evolution means. Students will familiarise themselves with past and contemporary forms of society, as well as with the construction of social world in the context of, for example, rituals, language, power, religion, and family ties.

Contents:

Change in and development of communities; theories and critique of social evolution; various aspects of sociality; construction of social reality through, for example, shared meanings

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lectures, written assignments or exercises

Target group:

First-year students of Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

None

Recommended optional programme components:

None

Recommended or required reading:

Material handed out during lectures

Assessment methods and criteria:

Assignments on the lectures

Grading:

0–5

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Timo Ylimaunu

Working life cooperation:

No

687361P: Biology and Culture, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2015 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opettajat: Markku Niskanen

Opintokohteen kielet: English, Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:

ay687361P Biology and Culture (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

ECTS Credits:

5 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

1st year

Learning outcomes:

Students will be able to utilise basic concepts of biological anthropology and explain the evolution of the human species and its geographical variations. Students will be able to define interaction and relations between biology, culture and the environment. Students will also be able to explain the variations of the

human species. Students will be able to define the concepts concerning health, sickness, gender, embodiment, and human being as socially constructed and culturally diverse.

Contents:

Biocultural evolution of humans; relationship of biology, culture, and the environment; biological and cultural variation and adaptation; cultural construction of concepts of health, sickness, gender, and embodiment

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:

Material handed out during lectures

Assessment methods and criteria:

Formal lecture examination or (written) assignments

Grading:

0–5

Person responsible:

University Researcher Markku Niskanen

Working life cooperation:

None

687362P: Material Culture, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2015 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opettajat: Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:

ay687362P Material Culture (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

ECTS Credits:

5 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

1st year

Learning outcomes:

Students will be able to explain how the material culture reflects and moulds our way of thinking in various social and cultural contexts. Students will be able to define the definitions of material culture from the perspectives of cultural anthropology and archaeology, as well as examine material culture by applying different research methods and from various theoretical perspectives.

Contents:

Concepts of material culture and materialism, as well as theories and explanative/interpretative approaches concerning them; cultural definitions and social contexts of objects, and their reconstruction

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lectures, written assignments or exercises

Target group:

First-year students of Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

None

Recommended optional programme components:

None

Recommended or required reading:

Material handed out during lectures

Assessment methods and criteria:

Exercises assigned on lectures and a formal lecture examination or (written) assignments

Grading:

0–5

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

Working life cooperation:

None

687363P: Humans and the Environment, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2015 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opettajat: Heikkinen, Hannu Ilmari

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:

ay687363P Humans and the Environment (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

ECTS Credits:

5 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

1st year

Learning outcomes:

Students will be able to define the relationship between protecting cultural heritage and protecting the environment. Students will also be able explain the fundamentals of the interaction between people and the environment, as well as the fundamentals of the concept of nature from a chronological perspective. Students will be able to discuss how specific cultures have adapted to their environments. Students will also be able to define human being's relation to animals and to their immediate environment. In addition, students will be able to define the cultural factors that control these relations. Students will also be able to discuss contemporary environmental questions and their effects on local communities.

Contents:

Examining the relation between the protection of environment and the protection of cultural heritage in the context of cultural anthropology and archaeology; learning about the ways in which different civilisations and communities have reacted to change in the environment in a global context; examining the climate change from the chronological perspective provided by archaeology and cultural anthropology; studying interaction between humans, animals and nature; familiarising with the central concepts and perspectives of contemporary research in environmental anthropology

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lectures, written assignments or exercises

Target group:

First-year students of Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

None

Recommended optional programme components:

None

Recommended or required reading:

Material handed out during lectures

Assessment methods and criteria:

Assignments on lectures and formal lecture examination or written assignments or exercises

Grading:

0–5

Person responsible:

Professor Hannu I. Heikkinen

Working life cooperation:

None

A111002: Cultural Anthropology, intermediate studies, 45 op

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies

Laji: Study module

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opettajat: Heikkinen, Hannu Ilmari

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Ei opintojaksokuvauksia.

Compulsory courses (35 ECTS)

687240A: Introduction to Ethnography, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2015 -

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:

5

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:2nd year, autumn term**Learning outcomes:**

Students will be able to display an understanding of the methods of ethnographic fieldwork and are able to apply them. In addition, students will be able to comprehend their own research as a project consisting of many stages. Students will also be able to analyse and interpret the research material they have collected through participant observation and interviews.

Contents:

Methods of data acquiring and analysis

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lectures and fieldwork exercises

Target group:

Students majoring and minoring in Cultural Anthropology

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Basic Studies of Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology

Recommended optional programme components:To be completed before the course *Bachelor's (Candidate's) Seminar***Recommended or required reading:**

Material handed out during the course

Assessment methods and criteria:

Formal examination and/or assignments and a fieldwork exercise

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Sami Lakomäki

Working life cooperation:

None

687241A: Anthropology of Religion, 5 op**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies**Laji:** Course**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail**Opintokohteen kielet:** English, Finnish**ECTS Credits:**

5

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:2nd / 3rd year**Learning outcomes:**

Based on the lectures and/or supplementary literature, students will be able to explain the essentials of the research concerning religions and similar belief-systems.

Contents:

Lecture on a specialised topic in the field, held every other year and/or book exam

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching or independent study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lecture or literature agreed upon with the person responsible

Target group:

Students majoring and minoring in Cultural Anthropology

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Basic Studies in Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology

Recommended or required reading:

Required reading: Fiona Bowie, *Anthropology of Religion: An Introduction* (2006)

Example elective literature: Mary Douglas, *Natural symbols: Explorations in cosmology* (2006); Victor

Turner, *Rituaali: Rakenne ja communitas* (2007)

Assessment methods and criteria:

Lectures and/or formal examination based on the literature

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Sami Lakomäki

Working life cooperation:

None

687242A: Economic and Environmental Anthropology, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2015 -

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish, English

ECTS Credits:

5

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

2nd / 3rd year

Learning outcomes:

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

Contents:

Lecture on a specialised topic in the field, held every other year and/or book exam

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching or independent study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lecture or literature agreed upon with the person responsible

Target group:

Students majoring and minoring in Cultural Anthropology

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Basic Studies in Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology

Recommended or required reading:

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

Example elective literature: Carole L. Crumley (ed.), A. Elizabeth van Deventer and Joseph J. Fletcher (contributors), *New Directions in anthropology and environment: Intersections* (2001); Timo Kallinen, Anja Nygren & Tuomas Tammisto (eds.), *Ympäristö ja kulttuuri* (2012)

Assessment methods and criteria:

Lectures and/or formal examination based on the literature

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

Working life cooperation:

None

687243A: Political Anthropology, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2015 -

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:

5

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

2nd / 3rd year

Learning outcomes:

Students will be able to explain the central trends and theories of political anthropology, as well as analyse power relations in society that are constructed in connection with ethnicity, gender and class, among other things.

Contents:

Lecture on a specialised topic in the field, held every other year and/or book exam

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching or independent study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lecture or literature agreed upon with the person responsible

Target group:

Students majoring and minoring in Cultural Anthropology

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Basic Studies in Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology

Recommended or required reading:

Required reading: Ted C. Lewellen, *Political Anthropology* (2003)

Example elective literature: Pamela Geller & Miranda Stockett (eds.), *Feminist Anthropology: Past, present and future* (2006); A. Biersack & J. B. Greenberg (eds.), *Reimagining Political Ecology* (2006)

Assessment methods and criteria:

Formal examination and/or exam based on the literature

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Sami Lakomäki

Working life cooperation:

None

687244A: Applied and Development Anthropology, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2015 -

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish, English

ECTS Credits:

5

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

2nd / 3rd year

Learning outcomes:

Students will be able to explain how anthropological information and knowledge is applied in various fields of society, and recognise the possibilities of applying anthropological research in sociological questions. Applied fields are, for example, anthropology of health, anthropology of technology and environmental protection.

Contents:

Lecture on a specialised topic in the field, held every other year and/or book exam

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching or independent study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lecture and/or literature agreed upon with person responsible

Target group:

Students majoring and minoring in Cultural Anthropology

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Basic Studies in Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology

Recommended or required reading:

Required reading: Alexander Ervin, *Applied Anthropology: Tools and Perspectives for Contemporary Practice* (2004)

Example elective literature: Kedia Satish & John van Willigen (eds.), *Applied Anthropology: Domains of application* (2005); Cecil G. Helman, *Culture, Health and Illness* (2000); Michael B. Schiffer, *Anthropological Perspectives on Technology* (2001)

Assessment methods and criteria:

Formal examination and/or lectures

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

Working life cooperation:

None

Other information:

The course can be (partially) completed by studies abroad.

687245A: Seminar on Anthropological Theory, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2015 -

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:

5

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

2nd year, spring term

Learning outcomes:

Students will be able to define the fundamentals of the philosophy of science, and central features and development of theories of cultural anthropology. In addition, students will be able to define the significance of theoretical approach for research, as well as the connection between theory and research methods and the subject of study.

Contents:

Schools of thought, research approaches, central theories, and fundamentals of the philosophy of science of cultural anthropology

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching, seminar project

Learning activities and teaching methods:

The course comprises a seminar on anthropological theory with the possibility of a book exam.

Target group:

Students majoring and minoring in Cultural Anthropology

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Basic Studies in Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology

Recommended optional programme components:

Completed Basic Studies; to be completed before the course *Bachelor's (Candidate's) Seminar*

Recommended or required reading:

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

Assessment methods and criteria:

Formal examination and seminar project

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Sami Lakomäki

Working life cooperation:

None

683507P: Multicultural Indigenous Communities, 5 op**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies**Laji:** Course**Vastuuyksikkö:** Giellagas Institute for Saami Studies**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay683507P Multicultural Indigenous Communities (OPEN UNIV) 5.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä**ECTS Credits:**

5

Language of instruction:

Finnish/English

Timing:1st year, period IV**Learning outcomes:**

After completing the course, students will be able to explain and analyse the similarities and distinctions between indigenous communities. In addition, students will be able to display knowledge of the cultures of different indigenous peoples.

Contents:

Introduction to the concept of indigenous people as well as its meaning in international contexts; introduction to the history and today of various indigenous peoples

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lecture

Target group:

Students majoring and minoring in Saami Culture

Recommended or required reading:

Literature/collection of articles

Assessment methods and criteria:

Formal lecture examination or lecture diary/group work; book exam or essay based on required reading

Grading:

0–5

Person responsible:

University lecturer

Working life cooperation:

None

*Compulsory courses for major***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:

3rd year

Learning outcomes:

During the writing process of the Bachelor's Thesis (Candidate's Thesis), students will learn to use reference materials, apply various research methods in practical research and analyse their research material and data.

Contents:

Searching for research literature, collecting research data, scholarly writing and discourse, analysing and interpreting the research material

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Seminar work (attendance, active participation in discussions, research plan, thesis, and acting as an opponent to a fellow student's work) and writing a Bachelor's Thesis (Candidate's Thesis) (max. 20 pages)

Target group:

Students majoring in Cultural Anthropology

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Completed Basic Studies; the courses *Introduction to Ethnography* (687240A) and *Seminar in Anthropological Theory* (687245A)

Recommended or required reading:

Literature concerning the topic of the Bachelor's Thesis (Candidate's Thesis)

Assessment methods and criteria:

Attending the seminar, active participation in discussions, research plan, Candidate's Thesis, acting as opponent

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

Working life cooperation:

None

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 student's native language)

Timing:

3rd year, spring term

Learning outcomes:

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

Contents:

An essay based on the Bachelor's Thesis (Candidate's Thesis)

Mode of delivery:

Independent study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Maturity Test is written at an examination session.

Target group:

Students majoring in Cultural Anthropology

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Successful completion of Bachelor's Thesis (Candidate's Thesis)

Recommended or required reading:

Literature agreed upon with the thesis supervisor

Assessment methods and criteria:

Essay written at an examination session

Grading:

Pass/Fail

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

Working life cooperation:

None

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, at the beginning of *Bachelor's (Candidate's) Seminar*

Learning outcomes:

Students will have produced an updated and approved study plan concerning the completion of their Bachelor's (Candidate's) Thesis and the Bachelor of Arts degree.

Contents:

Producing a personal study plan

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Study guidance by teacher tutor and producing a personal study plan (HOPS) in WebOodi

Target group:

Students majoring in Cultural Anthropology

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Personal study plan produced at the beginning of the first academic year

Assessment methods and criteria:

Personal study plan in WebOodi approved by teacher tutor

Grading:

Approved study plan

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

Working life cooperation:

None

A111003: Cultural Anthropology, Advanced Studies, 80 op

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies

Laji: Study module

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opettajat: Heikkinen, Hannu Ilmari

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Ei opintojaksokuvauksia.

Compulsory courses for major (10 ECTS)

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 / 5th year

Learning outcomes:

Students will have an updated study plan concerning the completion of their Master's Thesis (Pro Gradu Thesis). Students consult the professor of Cultural Anthropology while making the plan.

Contents:

At the beginning of Master's Studies, a meeting with the professor of Cultural Anthropology concerning the Personal Study Plan, structure of the Master's Degree and the included studies

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Personal guidance by the professor, producing a study plan in WebOodi with the assistance of a teacher tutor

Target group:

Students majoring in Cultural Anthropology

Assessment methods and criteria:

Personal study plan in Weboodi approved by the teacher tutor

Grading:

Approved Personal Study Plan

Person responsible:

Professor Hannu I. Heikkinen

Working life cooperation:

None

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:

4th / 5th year

Learning outcomes:

Students will be able to explain and analyse the ethnography related to the topic of their Master's Thesis (Pro Gradu Thesis).

Contents:

Case studies concerning cultural anthropology and the topic of student's Master's Thesis (Pro Gradu Thesis)

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching or independent study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lecture and/or literature

Target group:

Students majoring in Cultural Anthropology

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Intermediate Studies in Cultural Anthropology

Recommended or required reading:

Literature agreed upon with the person responsible

Assessment methods and criteria:

Formal examination and an essay

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

Working life cooperation:

None

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:4th / 5th year**Learning outcomes:**

Students will be able to explain the general traditions of theory in cultural anthropology. In addition, students will be familiar with the theoretical background of their own Master's Thesis (Pro Gradu Thesis).

Contents:

Theories of Cultural Anthropology

Mode of delivery:

Independent study and corresponding contact teaching. Studies concerning the theory of fields other than cultural anthropology can be completed as corresponding studies, for example, by writing an additional essay focusing on the application of the studies in cultural anthropology.

Learning activities and teaching methods:

The course consists of two sections that are to be completed before the Master's Thesis (Pro Gradu Thesis): 1) compulsory book exam and 2) an essay based on the literature concerning the theory related to student's own research; and/or study circle(s) or lectures.

Target group:

Students majoring in Cultural Anthropology

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Intermediate Studies of Cultural Anthropology

Recommended or required reading:

1) Required reading (5 ECTS credits): Alan Barnard, *History and Theory in Anthropology* (2000); James Clifford, & George Marcus (eds.), *Writing Culture: Poetics and Politics of Ethnography* (1986) (Introduction + a selection of 80–100 pages); Lawrence A. Kuznar, *Reclaiming a Scientific Anthropology* (2008)
2) In addition, literature concerning student's own field of research (5 ECTS credits)

Assessment methods and criteria:

Book exam and/or essay/lectures/study circle

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

Professor Hannu I. Heikkinen

Working life cooperation:

None

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:

4th / 5th year

Learning outcomes:

Students will be able to explain and compare different methodological approaches, and will be familiar with the special methodological questions concerning their Master's Thesis (Pro Gradu Thesis).

Contents:

Methodologies of Cultural Anthropology

Mode of delivery:

Independent study and corresponding contact teaching. Studies concerning methodology of fields other than cultural anthropology can be completed as corresponding studies, for example, by writing an additional essay focusing on the application of the studies in cultural anthropology.

Learning activities and teaching methods:

The course consists of two sections that are to be completed before the Master's Thesis (Pro Gradu Thesis): 1) compulsory book exam and 2) an essay based on the methodological literature related to student's own research; and/or study circle(s) or lectures.

Target group:

Students majoring in Cultural Anthropology

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Intermediate Studies of Cultural Anthropology

Recommended or required reading:

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

2) Literature concerning the methodology of student's own field of research (5 ECTS credits)

Assessment methods and criteria:

Book exam and/or essay

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

Professor Hannu I. Heikkinen

Working life cooperation:

None

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:

4th / 5th year

Learning outcomes:

Students will be able to apply the knowledge and skills provided by studies in Cultural Anthropology in working life.

Contents:

Work practice

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Work practice in Finland or abroad

Target group:

Students majoring in Cultural Anthropology

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Intermediate Studies of Cultural Anthropology

Assessment methods and criteria:

A certificate of employment and a work practice report (1–2 pages)

Grading:

Pass/Fail

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

Working life cooperation:

Yes

Other information:

Students have find the work practice placements themselves, and the University Lecturer must approve it. It is possible to apply for training grant from the University. The minimum duration of the 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:

4th / 5th year

Learning outcomes:

Students will be able to plan and argue for the research approach for their Master's Thesis (Pro Gradu Thesis). In addition, students will be able to comment on work produced by others.

Contents:

Seminar

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Seminar work with the possibility of group work in small groups

Target group:

Students majoring in Cultural Anthropology

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Intermediate Studies of Cultural Anthropology

Recommended or required reading:

Instructions for the seminar, literature concerning students' own field of study

Assessment methods and criteria:

- 1) Compulsory attendance to the organisation of the seminar, which takes place at the beginning of the term. The seminar begins with two lectures on Master's Studies and practical questions regarding Master's Thesis (Pro Gradu Thesis).
- 2) Taking part in at least ten seminar sessions in addition to those where students present their own work;
- 3) Presenting tentative research plan (approx. 5 pages);
- 4) Presenting tentative theoretical and methodological framework (Laudatur presentation) (the abovementioned 5 pages + 10 pages of theories and methods)
- 5) Presenting manuscript of Master's Thesis (80–max. 120 pages);
- 6) Acting as an opponent for other student's manuscript
- 7) Writing the meeting minutes of a seminar session on manuscript

Grading:

Pass/Fail

Person responsible:

Professor Hannu I. Heikkinen

Working life cooperation:

None

Other information:

Instructions for the *Seminar* of Cultural Anthropology: http://www oulu.fi/sites/default/files/content/Laudatur-seminaarin%20ohjeet_0.pdf (In Finnish)

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:

5th year

Learning outcomes:

Students will be able to formulate a research question and answer it by conducting research. In addition, students will be able to demonstrate a good command of academic discourse.

Contents:

Academic writing and discourse, as well as content analysis and interpretation of research data

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching and independent study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Independent research work under guidance

Target group:

Students majoring in Cultural Anthropology

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Intermediate Studies in Cultural Anthropology and the course *Seminar* (687218S)

Recommended or required reading:

Literature concerning the student's Master's Thesis (Pro Gradu Thesis)

Assessment methods and criteria:

Master's Thesis (Pro Gradu Thesis)

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

Professor Hannu I. Heikkinen

Working life cooperation:

None

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 student's native language)

Timing:

5th year, spring term

Learning outcomes:

Students will be able to present the central methodological points of departure, results and conclusions of their research in a professional, compact and selective manner.

Contents:

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

Mode of delivery:

Independent study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

An abstract of the Master's Thesis written in student's native language. The abstract should be filled in a form which is available on the website of the Faculty.

Target group:

Students majoring in Cultural Anthropology

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Master's Thesis submitted for evaluation

Recommended or required reading:

Source material agreed upon with the thesis supervisor

Assessment methods and criteria:

An abstract written for the thesis

Grading:

Pass/Fail

Person responsible:

Thesis supervisor

Working life cooperation:

None

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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 / 5th year

Learning outcomes:

Students will be able to conduct independent research and interpret the results of their research from ethnographic and theoretical perspectives.

Contents:

Academic writing, content analysis and interpretation

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching and independent study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Independent research work under guidance

Target group:

Students minoring in Cultural Anthropology

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Intermediate Studies of Cultural Anthropology and the course *Seminar* (687218S)

Recommended or required reading:

Literature concerning the topic of the thesis

Assessment methods and criteria:

Thesis of Advanced Studies of a subsidiary (minor) subject

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

Professor Hannu I. Heikkinen

Working life cooperation:

None

