Cultural Anthropology

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Overview of the subject

Cultural Anthropology is a humanities field of research the emphasis of which is on culture. Its goal is to understand and explain the characteristics of individual cultures, cultural differences and similarities. Cultural Anthropology is general and comparative study on the cultures and ways of living of humans and human groups. It is a non-specific field of study in that it does not have a fully independent area or research tradition of its own. Cultural Anthropology is rather a universal term for a field of study that aims at combining different approaches and viewpoints. Therefore the field of Cultural Anthropology consists of research fields quite different from one another, such as ethnohistory, economic anthropology, visual anthropology, anthropology of religions, medical anthropology, anthropology of media and anthropology of education. The aim of applying anthropological research is to offer ways to solve sociological problems.

Characteristic features of Cultural Anthropology include formation of theory and, frequently, a comparative approach to cultures. One of its tasks is to broaden the students' conception of foreign cultures. At the University of Oulu, the Basic Studies in Cultural Anthropology also include archaeological studies.

The goal of the studies in Cultural Anthropology is to guide the students in perceiving a culture as a phenomenon which is closely connected with its environment, and on the formation of which history has had a great effect, and which continually changes. Simultaneously, the task of Cultural Anthropology is to improve the student's ability to analyze the relationship between individuals and their cultures. Among research methods, also personal fieldwork, in other words interviews, observation and photographing and videotaping, plays an essential role, and every student has to practice it in various stages of their studies. At the University of Oulu, the areas of emphasis are Northern cultures, Indigenous cultures of the Americas and the modern phenomena of the Western cultures.

Admission requirements and commencement of studies

The right to study the subject is obtained by participating in the entrance examination, which is arranged in May. Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology have a common entrance examination where 20 new students are admitted to study as majoring students. The Basic Studies are common in Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology. The students will choose their major subject in the beginning of the Intermediate Studies, and they can freely choose their individual subject combinations. A student at the University of Oulu can also receive the right to study Cultural Anthropology as a major subject by first carrying out the Basic and Intermediate Studies, and then applying for the right to take the Master's degree which is granted by the dean. The deadline for applications is the 31 March.
Cultural Anthropology is not freely chosen as a minor subject, except for students majoring in Archaeology or in the Saami language and culture. The right to study the subject as a minor subject is applied for by writing an informal application to the professor of Cultural Anthropology in the spring. As a minor subject, Cultural Anthropology is complementary to subjects belonging to the humanities, science, social sciences and the health care.

Practical information

Students should register at the University Study Affairs office. A change of address should be reported to the office of Cultural Studies (HU 340) or the Study Affairs office. A curriculum for each term is published at the beginning of the term, and it is found at the office and on the subject website. Information and feedback meetings and other events is provided on the subject website and notice board.

The studies comprise lectures, seminars, book exams and fieldwork practices. All the contact teaching takes place in Finnish, but book exams and essays can be taken also in English. Students begin their studies with a basic course in Cultural Anthropology. The examinations can be taken in the general examination days of both the Faculty and the subject group, and they will be graded on the scale 0-5 or pass/fail. Students should register for the exams online in WebOodi 10 days before the exam.

In part, exams can be compensated by lecture diaries and home essays, which will be agreed on with the examiners. Appropriate lectures arranged by other departments can also compensate a part of the study requirements of Cultural Anthropology. In the examination, the number of credits and the compensated course (code number and name) should always be marked down.

Study guidance

Guidance is provided by the lecturer, tel. +358-8-553 3340 and the professor, tel. +358-8-553 3342. The list of course examiners can be found on the subject board and on the internet: [http://www.oulu.fi/hutk/ka/opiskelu/opetusohjelma.html](http://www.oulu.fi/hutk/ka/opiskelu/opetusohjelma.html).

Employment prospects

Cultural Anthropological studies can be utilized both in the Finnish society, for instance in research, the museums, tourism, the media and different organizations, and in international cooperation and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, for instance.

Courses at different levels

**Basic Studies 25 credits**

- 687223Y Personal study plan 1 0 credits
- 687300P Introduction to Archaeology 3 credits
- 687301P Introduction to Classical Archaeology 2 credits
- 687200P Introduction to Cultural Anthropology 5 credits
- 687224P Basic course on Finland's Culture 5 credits
- 687201P Origins of Society 5 credits
- 687225P Man and Environment 3 credits
- 687226P Introduction to Biological Anthropology 2 credits
**Intermediate Studies 46 credits**

- 687227Y Personal study plan 2 0 credits
- 687230A Ethnographic Orientations 4 credits
- 687228A Media Anthropology 5 credits
- 687207A Human and Society 4 credits
- 687208A Special Fields in Cultural Anthropology 5 credits
- 687211A Fieldwork Methodology Course 5 credits
- 687209A Applied and Development Anthropology 5 credits
- 687210A Seminar in Anthropological Methodology and Theory 8 credits
- 687212A Candidate’s Seminar 10 credits
- 687213A Maturity Test 0 credits

**Advanced Studies 84 credits**

- 687229Y Personal study plan 3 0 credits
- 687214S Ethnographic Specialization 8 credits
- 687215S Advanced Anthropological Theory 10 credits
- 687216S Advanced Anthropological Methods 10 credits
- 687217S Practical Training 8 credits
- 687218S Seminar 8 credits
- 687219S Master’s Thesis 40 credits
- 713101S Thesis in a Minor Subject 20 credits
- 687221S Maturity Test 0 credits

**Learning Objectives**

After completing the Basic Studies, students will be able to illustrate the history of archaeology and cultural anthropology, their methods and various theoretical principles. They will be capable of defining the concepts and describing the different areas in research. They will be able to depict the long-term interaction between mankind and the environment and define the basic concepts of biological anthropology and the Finnish ethnic culture.

After completing the Intermediate Studies, students will have a general idea of the methods, approaches, trends and central areas of anthropology. They will be able to do independent research and produce a treatise while applying the general methods of anthropology.

After completing the Advanced Studies, students will have the capacity to explain and analyse ethnographic methods and data in various forms. In addition, students will have the abilities to apply the theories of cultural anthropology and write an independent treatise. They will also know how to utilise their studies in cultural anthropology in working life. During comprehensive seminar work students will learn analysis, scientific communication within the field and the guidelines of scientific writing.
Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuudet ja -jakso

687216S: Advanced Anthropological Methods, 10 op
687215S: Advanced Anthropological Theory, 10 op
687209A: Applied and Development Anthropology, 4 - 6 op
687212A: Bachelor's Seminar, 10 op
687224P: Basic course on Finland's Culture, 5 op
687230A: Ethnographic Orientations, 4 op
687214S: Ethnographic Specialization, 8 op
687211A: Fieldwork Methodology Course, 5 op
687207A: Human and Society, 4 op
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
687200P: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, 5 op
687219S: MA Thesis, 40 op
687213A: Maturity Test for Bachelor's Degree / Cultural Anthropology, 0 op
687221S: Maturity Test for Master's Degree / Cultural Anthropology, 0 op
687228A: Media Anthropology, 5 op
687201P: Origins of Society, 5 op
687223Y: Personal Study Plan 1 (Bachelor's degree), 0 op
687227Y: Personal Study Plan 2 (Bachelor's degree), 0 op
687229Y: Personal Study Plan 3 (Master's degree), 0 op
687217S: Practical Training, 8 op
687218S: Seminar, 8 op
687210A: Seminar in Anthropological Methodology and Theory, 8 op
687208A: Special Fields in Cultural Anthropology, 5 op
713101S: Thesis in a Minor Subject, 20 op

Opintojaksojen kuvaukset

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomien opintokokonaisuuksien ja -jaksojen 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 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish

Timing:
3rd year or later

Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to analyze the material of his/her thesis.

Contents:
Methods of Cultural Anthropology

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Home readings and/or lectures

Target group:
Advanced-level students

Recommended optional programme components:
Completion of the Intermediate Studies required

Recommended or required reading:
To be agreed with the course teacher.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Examination (6 credits) and essay (4 credits).

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Professor and lecturer

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687215S: Advanced Anthropological Theory, 10 op

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Course

Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: English, Finnish

ECTS Credits:
10 credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Timing:
3rd year or later

Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of this course, students should be able to explain and apply the theory of Cultural Anthropology which is related to readings and their own thesis

Contents:
Theories of Cultural Anthropology

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Home readings and/or lectures

Target group:
Advanced-level students

Recommended optional programme components:
Completion of the Intermediate Studies required

Recommended or required reading:
To be agreed with the course teacher

Assessment methods and criteria:
Examination (3 credits) and essay (7 credits).

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Professor and lecturer

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

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
ECTS Credits: 5 credits
Language of instruction: Finnish
Timing: 2nd or 3rd year
Learning outcomes: After this course, students will be able to explain the meaning of applied anthropology and how the research on Cultural Anthropology can be applied in different 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
Learning activities and teaching methods: Home readings and/or lectures
Target group: Intermediate-level students
Recommended optional programme components: Completion of all Basic Studies
Recommended or required reading: Home readings
Assessment methods and criteria: Examination and/or written assignment
Grading: 0-5
Person responsible: Lecturer

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 credits
Language of instruction: Finnish
Timing: 3rd year
Learning outcomes: In the process of writing a Candidate's Thesis (20-25 pages), students will acquire the ability to use source material, apply fieldwork methods in the research and analyze their research material.
Contents: Academic writing, scholarly discussion, analysis of contents
Learning activities and teaching methods: Seminar
Target group:
Intermediate-level students

**Recommended optional programme components:**
Completion of 1) all Basic Studies, 2) Fieldwork Methodology Course, and 3) Seminar in Anthropological Methodology and Theory

**Recommended or required reading:**
To be agreed with the course teacher

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
Active participation in the seminar, written summary of selected readings, research plan and the submission of a Candidate's Thesis in correct scholarly form; acting as an opponent.

**Grading:**
0-5

**Person responsible:**
Lecturer

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**687224P: Basic course on Finland's Culture, 5 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2009 -
**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies
**Laji:** Course
**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities
**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail
**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**
ay687224P Basic course on Finland's Culture (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**
5 credits
1) Basics of Finnish Prehistory: 2.5 credits
2) Basics of Finnish Folk Culture: 2.5 credits

**Language of instruction:**
Finnish

**Timing:**
1st year, autumn and spring semesters.
1) Basics of Finnish Prehistory: 1st year, autumn semester
2) Basics of Finnish Folk Culture: 1st year, spring semester

**Learning outcomes:**
Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to describe Finnish ancient remains, prehistoric objects and cultural processes in general terms. The student will also be able to describe the material, areal, social and economical basics of Finnish folk culture.

**Contents:**
The course consists of two parts.
1) Basics of Finnish prehistory, 2.5 credits: different periods of Finland's prehistory and the research history on Finnish Archaeology
2) Basics of Finnish Folk Culture, 2.5 credits: The material, areal, social and economical basics of Finnish folk culture.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
1) Basics of Finnish Prehistory: Lectures and independent reading
2) Basics of Finnish Folk Culture: Lectures and practicum

**Target group:**
First-year students.
1) Basics of Finnish Prehistory: First-year students of Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology
2) Basics of Finnish Folk Culture: First-year students of Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology

**Recommended or required reading:**
1) Basics of Finnish Prehistory: Lecture material and selected readings (to be announced on lectures)
2) Basics of Finnish Folk Culture: Lecture notes and selected readings.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
1) Basics of Finnish Prehistory: Lecture examination
2) Basics of Finnish Folk Culture: Written assignment

**Grading:**
687230A: Ethnographic Orientations, 4 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2009 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Sami Lakomäki
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
4 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Timing:
2nd year, autumn semester
Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of this course, students should be familiar with the ethnographic contents of Northern cultures, global modern cultures or indigenous peoples of the Americas. They should also be able to explain the research questions and approaches related to them.
Contents:
Northern cultures, global modern cultures and indigenous peoples of the Americas
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Home readings and/or lectures
Target group:
Intermediate-level students
Recommended optional programme components:
Completion of all Basic Studies
Recommended or required reading:
Selected readings
Assessment methods and criteria:
Literature examination or written work through group work
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Lecturer

687214S: Ethnographic Specialization, 8 op

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
8 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Timing:
3rd year or later
Learning outcomes:
By the end of this course, students will be able to explain and analyze the ethnography which is related to readings and their own thesis.

Contents:
Ethnographies of Cultural Anthropology

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Home readings and/or lectures

Target group:
Advanced-level students

Recommended optional programme components:
Completion of the Intermediate Studies required

Recommended or required reading:
To be agreed with the course teacher

Assessment methods and criteria:
Examination (4 credits) and essay (4 credits).

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Lecturer

687211A: Fieldwork Methodology Course, 5 op

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Sami Lakomäki
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
5 credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Timing:
2nd year, spring semester

Learning outcomes:
Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to apply the basics of research methodology in practical research work.

Contents:
Basics of fieldwork

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures, fieldwork, excursions

Target group:
Intermediate-level students

Recommended optional programme components:
Completion of all Basic Studies

Recommended or required reading:
Selected readings

Assessment methods and criteria:
Written assignment based on fieldwork

Grading:
Pass/fail

Person responsible:
Professor

687207A: Human and Society, 4 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2009 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
ECTS Credits: 4 credits
Language of instruction: Finnish
Timing: 2nd year
Learning outcomes: Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to define the position of the individual in the society and cultural identity, and to explain social and global impacts on local culture.
Contents: Research of different society models, political systems and power relations. Questions related to the life and identity of an individual.
Learning activities and teaching methods: Home readings and/or lectures.
Target group: Intermediate-level students.
Recommended optional programme components: Completion of all Basic Studies
Recommended or required reading: Selected readings
Assessment methods and criteria: Home essay
Grading: 0-5
Person responsible: Professor

687225P: Humans and Environment, 3 op

ECTS Credits: 3 credits
Language of instruction: Finnish
Timing: 1st year, spring semester.
Learning outcomes: Upon completion of the course, students will be able to describe the protection of cultural heritage as part of environmental protection, and to explain the interaction of humans and the environment in a long time perspective. Students will also be able to explain how a single culture has adapted to the natural environment.
Contents: The course consists of two parts.
1) Lecture 1,5 credits: Basic concepts and methods of environmental research
2) Practicum 1,5 credits: The conditions and mechanisms of the collapse and preservation of cultures.
Learning activities and teaching methods:
1) Lecture:Lectures
2) Practicum:Practicum

Target group:
1) Lecture:First-year students of Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology
2) Practicum:First-year students of Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology

Recommended or required reading:
1) Lecture:Lecture materials and selected readings to be announced on the lectures

Assessment methods and criteria:
1) Lecture:Online exercises
2) Practicum:Oral presentation in the reading group

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
1) Lecture:Jari Okkonen, Lecturer
2) Practicum:Taina Kinnunen, Professor

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 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Timing:
1st year
Learning outcomes:
Students should be able to form a picture of the history of Archaeology as a science, its research methods and its various theories, and to define its position as intermediate between the humanities and the physical sciences.

Contents:
Archaeology as a science, its research methods, history and theories and its relations to other disciplines; introduction to archaeological literature.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures

Target group:
First-year students of Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology.

Recommended optional programme components:
None

Recommended or required reading:
Lecture handouts and selected literature

Assessment methods and criteria:
Lecture examination

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Jari Okkonen, Lecturer

687226P: Introduction to Biological Anthropology, 2 op
Voimassaolo: 01.08.2009 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
ay687226P  Introduction to Biological Anthropology (OPEN UNI)  2.0 op

VOIDAAN SUORITTA Useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
2 credits
Language of instruction:
English
Timing:
1st year
Learning outcomes:
Students should be able to define the basic concepts of biological anthropology and explain the research methods used in explaining human evolution
Contents:
Basic concepts of biological anthropology, research methods and interpretations
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lecture course
Target group:
First-year students of Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology
Recommended or required reading:
Recommended literature
Assessment methods and criteria:
Examination
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Milton Núñez, Professor

687301P: Introduction to Classical Archaeology, 2 op

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: 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 SUORITTA Useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
2 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Timing:
1st year
Learning outcomes:
The student will acquire knowledge of the basics of Classical Archaeology and some of its special features
Contents:
Classical Archaeology as a discipline, its methods, history, theory and links with other disciplines
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lecture

**Target group:**
First-year students of Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology

**Recommended optional programme components:**
None

**Recommended or required reading:**
Lecture handouts and selected literature

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
Examination

**Grading:**
0-5

**Person responsible:**
Eero Jarva, Lecturer

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687200P: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, 5 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuysikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

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

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**
ay687200P  Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (OPEN UNI)  5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**
5 credits

**Language of instruction:**
Finnish

**Timing:**
1st year, autumn semester

**Learning outcomes:**
Upon completion of the course, students should be able to define the concepts of Cultural Anthropology and describe its central research areas. They will be able to name and describe classical and contemporary theories and fields of Cultural Anthropology.

**Contents:**
Central conceptions, theories and fields of Cultural Anthropology

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
Lectures and article practicum

**Target group:**
First-year students of Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology

**Recommended optional programme components:**
None

**Recommended or required reading:**
Lecture notes and selected articles

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
Examination and written assignment

**Grading:**
0-5

**Person responsible:**
Professor of Cultural Anthropology

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687219S: MA Thesis, 40 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Diploma thesis

**Vastuuysikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail
Learning outcomes:
In the process of writing a Thesis, students should demonstrate their ability to carry out independent research work and present the research findings in a systematic and appropriate form.

Contents:
Academic writing, analysis and interpretation of contents

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Supervised independent research work

Target group:
Advanced-level students

Recommended optional programme components:
Completion of the Intermediate Studies and Seminar required

Recommended or required reading:
As agreed with the thesis supervisor

Assessment methods and criteria:
Thesis

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Professor

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

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
0 credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Timing:
At the end of the Intermediate Studies, after the Candidate's thesis has been accepted

Learning outcomes:
On the basis of his/her Candidate's thesis, the student will write an essay which is correct as regards its subject matter and grammar

Learning activities and teaching methods:
An essay written in a general examination

Target group:
Students with Cultural Anthropology as a major subject

Recommended optional programme components:
Completion and acceptance of the Candidate's Thesis

Assessment methods and criteria:
Essay

Grading:
Pass/fail

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

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
0 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Timing:
4th year or later
Learning outcomes:
On the basis of his/her Master's thesis, the student will write an abstract which is correct as regards its subject matter and grammar
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Writing an abstract of the Master's thesis
Target group:
Students with Cultural Anthropology as main subject
Recommended optional programme components:
Completion and acceptance of Master's Thesis (Pro Gradu).
Assessment methods and criteria:
Written examination
Grading:
Pass/fail
Person responsible:
Professor

687228A: Media Anthropology, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2009 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Ilmari Leppihalme
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
5 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Timing:
2nd/3rd year, autumn semester
Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to analyze the essential research questions of Media Studies and Media Anthropology, and to apply their theoretical and methodological approaches.
Contents:
Media as a part of culture, knowledge of media from the perspective of Cultural Studies.
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lecture and/or home reading
Target group:
Intermediate-level students
Recommended optional programme components:
Completion of all Basic Studies.
Recommended or required reading:
Literature
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:

ECTS Credits:
5 credits

Language of instruction:
1) Origins of Society: English
2) Different Development Processes of Cultures: Finnish

Timing:
1st year

Learning outcomes:
By the end of the course, the student should be able to describe the development of food producing societies, social complexity and urbanism, and be able to evaluate them from a global perspective. The student will also have the ability to describe the main features of the origin and development of cultures in different parts of the world. The student will be able to describe the environmental and socio-cultural elements which have affected the development.

Contents:
The course consists of two parts.
1) Origins of Society 2,5 credits: Factors and patterns which shape the development of cultures.
2) Different Development Processes of Cultures 2,5 credits: The features and conditions of different development processes of cultures.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
1) Origins of Society: Lecture and selected readings
2) Different Development Processes of Cultures: Practicum or selected readings

Target group:
1) Origins of Society: first-year students of Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology
2) Different Development Processes of Cultures: First-year students of Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology

Recommended or required reading:
1) Origins of Society: Recommended literature

Assessment methods and criteria:
1) Origins of Society: Lecture examination and book examination
2) Different Development Processes of Cultures: Written assignment or examination

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
1) Origins of Society: Professor Milton Núñez
2) Different Development Processes of Cultures: Taina Kinnunen, Professor

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

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

Ei opintojaksokuvauksia.

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

Ei opintojaksokuvauksia.

687217S: Practical Training, 8 op

ECTS Credits: 8 credits
Language of instruction: Finnish
Timing: Advanced level
Learning outcomes: The aim of work practice is to offer students exposure to and experience of work environment, so that their ability to apply Cultural Anthropology will be improved.
Learning activities and teaching methods: Working in the home country or abroad
Target group:
Advanced-level students.

Recommended optional programme components:
Completion of the Intermediate Studies required.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Students must submit a written report (1 p) on, and documentary proof of their work practice.

Grading:
Pass/fail

Person responsible:
Lecturer

687218S: Seminar, 8 op

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
8 credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Timing:
4th year

Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to carry out independent research. In the process of writing seminar works and of assessing those produced by other participants, the student should be able to apply the rules of academic writing, analysis and discussion concerning research plans.

Contents:
Academic communication and analysis of contents

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Seminar

Target group:
Advanced-level students

Recommended optional programme components:
Completion of the Intermediate Studies required.

Recommended or required reading:
To be agreed with the course teacher

Assessment methods and criteria:
Compulsory attendance, active participation in group discussions, and presentation of papers in speech and writing.

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Professor

687210A: Seminar in Anthropological Methodology and Theory, 8 op

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
8 credits

Language of instruction:
Timing: 2nd or 3rd year

Learning outcomes:
In the process of the Seminar, students should become able to describe the theories of Cultural Anthropology, their central features and history. Students will be able to explain the meaning of the theory within the research and to analyze methodological questions.

Contents:
Theories of Cultural Anthropology, their central features and history; meaning of the theory within the research; methodological questions.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures and seminar

Target group:
Intermediate-level students

Recommended optional programme components:
1) Completion of all Basic Studies 2) The course should be carried out before the Candidate's seminar

Recommended or required reading:

Assessment methods and criteria:
Compulsory attendance at seminar, active participation, examination and written assignment.

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Lecturer

687208A: Special Fields in Cultural Anthropology, 5 op

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Sami Lakomäki
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
5 credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Timing:
2nd year

Learning outcomes:
By the end of this course, students should be able to analyze the content, themes and central research questions of a selected area of Cultural Anthropology.

Contents:
a) Ecological anthropology
b) Historical anthropology
c) Anthropology of education
d) Linguistic anthropology
e) Political anthropology
f) Psychological anthropology
g) Gender studies
h) Anthropology of art
i) Economical anthropology
j) Medical anthropology
k) Anthropology of religions
l) Visual anthropology
m) Other special field, readings to be agreed with the course teacher.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Home readings and/or lectures.

Target group:
Intermediate-level students.
Recommended optional programme components:
Completion of all Basic Studies

Recommended or required reading:
Readings will be provided

Assessment methods and criteria:
Examination and/or written assignment

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Professor

713101S: Thesis in a Minor Subject, 20 op

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Diploma thesis
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
20 credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Timing:
4th year or later

Learning outcomes:
In the process of writing a Thesis in Minor Subject, the student should demonstrate the ability to carry out independent, ethnographic research work and present the research findings in a systematic and appropriate form.

Contents:
Academic writing, analysis and interpretation of content.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Supervised independent research work

Target group:
Advanced-level students with Cultural Anthropology as a minor subject

Recommended optional programme components:
Completion of the Intermediate Studies and Seminar required

Recommended or required reading:
As agreed with the thesis supervisor.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Thesis in Minor Subject

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Professor