

Objectives, content and organisation of the programme of study

The Master's programme in Social Anthropology provides the candidate with comprehensive knowledge of the discipline of social anthropology and its applications in relation to current global socioeconomic, cultural, political and sustainability issues. The programme's general course component consists of intensive courses in academic writing and project development, advanced anthropological theory and advanced anthropological methods. The candidate has specialised in either contemporary ethnography or global political economy. The specialisation in contemporary ethnography gives the candidate in-depth knowledge of the use of anthropological theory and methods in a diverse range of non-academic applied contexts. The specialisation in global political economy gives the candidate in-depth knowledge of key concepts and debates in anthropological analyses of work, capital and finance, and the role of culture in business. The candidate is given the opportunity to spend a semester abroad at a foreign university as part of the university's exchange programme.

The candidate conducts extensive fieldwork and qualitative research specialising in the use of ethnographic methods, including their application in relation to specific problems of broad relevance. By studying this programme, the candidate acquires specific in-depth knowledge of their chosen theme, theory and region of relevance to their fieldwork and thesis. Upon completion of the programme, the candidate has acquired competence in organising, leading and carrying out a long-term independent project in accordance with current ethical guidelines. This includes working with ethnographic data, communicating research findings, analysing qualitative data, and transforming empirical findings into a coherent thesis. The Master's degree qualifies the student for continued studies at Ph.D. level.

The candidate's learning outcomes

The candidate knows how to convey advanced anthropological insight in practice and in relation to a broad range of societal challenges. This includes the ability to address and analyse challenges and dilemmas regarding social, economic and environmental factors that affect and drive global sustainable development. The candidate has the capacity for critical reflection, can give constructive feedback on the work of others and make use of critical input regarding their own work. The candidate has the ability to work in a result-oriented manner, both independently and as part of a team. The candidate has used English as an academic language, has developed advanced writing skills, and is able to communicate academic knowledge both orally and in writing.