

Subject card

Subject name and code	Theories in anthropology, PG_00151096						
Field of study	Teorie w antropologii						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
Education level	Master's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	1		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	1		ECTS credits		4.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit	Division of New World Anthropology and Ethnic Studies -> Institute of Anthropology -> Faculty of History -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Tarzycjusz Buliński				
	Teachers		dr hab. Tarzycjusz Buliński				
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	30		2.0		75.0	107
Subject objectives	1. To familiarize with the most important theoretical orientations in ethnology and cultural anthropology. 2. To situate ethnology and cultural anthropology on the theoretical map of the humanities and social sciences. 3. To deepen the skills of synthesis and analysis and application of theoretical tools						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[ETNOMU2_U06] Is able to carry out a critical analysis and interpretation of various types of cultural products, applying original approaches, taking into account new developments in the humanities in order to determine their meanings, social impact, place in the historical-cultural process	K_U06 Be able to carry out critical analysis and interpretation of different types of theory in anthropology	[SU1] wypowiedź ustna/rozmowa/diskusja
	[ETNOMU2_W01] Has in-depth knowledge of the specific subject matter and methodology of ethnology and cultural anthropology, which they are able to develop and creatively apply in professional activity	K_W01 Has in-depth knowledge of the theoretical specifics of ethnology and cultural anthropology, which he is able to develop and creatively apply in professional activity	[SW4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny
	[ETNOMU2_W04] Has in-depth knowledge of the relationship between ethnology and cultural anthropology and other humanities and social sciences, allowing for the integration of perspectives relevant to several scientific disciplines	K_W04 Has in-depth knowledge of the relationship of anthropological theories with other humanities and social sciences, allowing the integration of perspectives appropriate to several scientific disciplines.	[SW4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny
	[ETNOMU2_U05] Has the ability to integrate knowledge in the field of ethnology and cultural anthropology, and to apply it in non-typical professional situations	K_U05 Has the ability to integrate knowledge of theory in anthropology and its applications in unusual professional situations	[SU1] wypowiedź ustna/rozmowa/diskusja
	[ETNOMU2_W05] Has in-depth knowledge of the main directions of development and the most important new achievements in ethnology and cultural anthropology	K_W05 Has in-depth knowledge of the main developments and major new developments in anthropological theories	[SW4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny
	[ETNOMU2_K01] Critically evaluates acquired knowledge, personal and social competences; is prepared to critically evaluate information received	K_K01 Critically evaluates one's knowledge, personal and social competences; is ready to critically evaluate received information in the field of anthropological theories	[SK1] wypowiedź ustna/rozmowa/diskusja
	[ETNOMU2_U07] Has the ability to argue substantively using their own views and those of other authors, to formulate conclusions and produce synthetic summaries	K_U07 Has the ability to argue substantively using his own views and the views of other authors, formulate conclusions and create synthetic summaries in the field of theory in anthropology	[SU1] wypowiedź ustna/rozmowa/diskusja
Subject contents	1. Map of paradigms and theoretical orientations in anthropology 2. Genetic, functional and structural explanation in anthropological theories 3. Evolutionism in anthropology I : from classical evolutionism to neo-evolutionism 4. Evolutionism in anthropology II : from cultural ecology to cultural materialism 5. Mentalism in anthropology : from structuralism to cognitive anthropology 6. Sociologism in anthropology: from Durkheim to Bourdieu's theory of practice 7. Hermeneutism in anthropology I: from Franz Boas to Victor Turner 8. Hermeneuticism in anthropology II: interpretive anthropology by Clifford Geertz		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	exam	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	(selected chapters) A. Bernard, Anthropology, 2006 R. Deliege, History of anthropology, 2011 A. Paluch, Masters of social anthropology, 1990 A. Kuper, Culture. An anthropological approach, 2005, ch. 3, 6
	Supplementary literature	T. Bulinski, M. Kairski, Introduction, in T. Bulinski, M. Kairski (eds.), Dreams, trophies, genes and the dead. "Warfare" in pre-state societies on the example of the Amazon, 2006 M. Harris, Cows, pigs, wars and witches, ch. III S.A. Tyler, Introduction to the methods of cognitive anthropology, in M. Buchowski (ed.), American Cognitive Anthropology, 1993 S. Ortner, On cardinal symbols, in M. Kempny, E. Nowicka (eds.), Cultural research, vol. I, 2003; C. Geertz, Interpretations of Cultures, Cracow 2005, ch. 15. J. Turner, Structure of sociological theories, 2012, pp. 593-603
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Explain the difference between classical evolutionism and modern evolutionism in anthropological theories.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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