

Subject card

Subject name and code	Social Anthropology, PG_00200961						
Field of study	Ethnology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject			2026/2027		
Education level	Master's studies	Subject group			Obligatory subject group in the field of study Humanistic-social subject group 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 Anna Zadrożna				
	Teachers						
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		20.0		50.0	100
Subject objectives	<p>1. Familiarization with the most important concepts and orientations in social anthropology in the 20th century and at the beginning of the 21st century.</p> <p>2. Situating social anthropology in the context of social sciences and humanities.</p> <p>3. Acquiring the skills of text synthesis and analysis.</p>						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[ETNOMU2_W06] Has in-depth knowledge of advanced research methods and tools of the ethnologist's workshop	Students are familiar with selected research methods used in social anthropology and understand their practical application.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ETNOMU2_W05] Has an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the major trends in the development of cultural and religious studies within the field of ethnology, as well as their significance in explaining the fundamental dilemmas of modern civilization	Students have advanced knowledge of the main currents and contemporary approaches in social anthropology.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ETNOMU2_U01] Is able to independently search, verify, evaluate, select information, applying modern techniques of acquiring and analysing data with the use of various sources, integrate knowledge, and formulate critical opinions on this basis	Students are able to independently search for, analyse, and critically evaluate literature and data in the field of social anthropology.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ETNOMU2_K06] Demonstrates readiness to act for the integration of cultures, carries out independent or group projects in this respect, establishes contacts with cultural institutions	Students understand the importance of social anthropology for cultural integration initiatives and are able to collaborate in such activities.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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	Students have advanced knowledge of the subject matter and methodology of social anthropology and are able to apply it creatively.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ETNOMU2_W02] Has a structured, in-depth knowledge, including terminology, theory and methodology in ethnology and cultural anthropology	Students are familiar with the basic terminology, theories, and methodologies used in social anthropology.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[ETNOMU2_K01] Critically evaluates acquired knowledge, personal and social competences; is prepared to critically evaluate information received	Students are able to critically assess their own knowledge and interpretations within social anthropology.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written	
Subject contents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What (is not) social anthropology? 2. Key concepts in anthropology 3. The concept of fieldwork and field research: anthropological practice 4. Main theoretical perspectives 5. Humans as social beings 6. Ethnography of gift-giving and reciprocity 7. Kinship 8. Anthropology of identity, ethnicity, and nationality 9. The concept of nature in the social sciences 10. Discourse, language, knowledge, and power 11. Thick description and the interpretive turn 12. The feminist turn 13. Towards the ethnography of a specific case 14. Between cultural relativism and engaged anthropology 		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Written exam	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	<p>Engelke, Matthew (2017). <i>Think Like an Anthropologist</i>. Pelican.</p> <p>Eriksen, Thomas Hylland (2004). <i>What is Anthropology?</i> Pluto.</p> <p>Carsten, Janet (2004) <i>After Kinship</i>. Cambridge.</p> <p>Geertz, Clifford. "Thick description: Toward an interpretive theory of culture." In <i>The cultural geography reader</i>, pp. 41-51. Routledge, 2008.</p> <p>Kuper, Adam (2014). <i>Anthropology and Anthropologists: The British School in the Twentieth Century</i> (4th ed.). Routledge.</p>
	Supplementary literature	<p>Barnard, Alan (2000) <i>History and Theory in Anthropology</i>. Cambridge</p> <p>Eriksen, Thomas Hylland (2015). <i>Small Places, Large Issues: An Introduction to Social Anthropology</i> (4th ed.). Pluto</p> <p>Foucault, Michel (2013). <i>Archaeology of knowledge</i>. Routledge.</p> <p>Okely, Judith (2020). <i>Anthropological practice: Fieldwork and the ethnographic method</i>. Routledge.</p>
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	<p>The place of social anthropology in the social sciences and humanities.</p> <p>What is specific case ethnography and how does it allow us to problematize the concept of culture?</p>	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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