



Faculty of Social Sciences

SASAN, Master of Science Programme in Social Anthropology, 120 credits

Masterprogram i socialantropologi, 120 högskolepoäng

**Second cycle degree programme requiring previous university study / Program
med akademiska förkunskapskrav och med slutlig examen på avancerad nivå**

Decision

The syllabus was approved by Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences on 19-09-2017 (U 2017/441) and was last revised on 13-06-2024 by Faculty Board of Social Sciences (U 2024/304). The revised syllabus comes into effect 15-10-2024 and is valid from the autumn semester 2025.

Programme description

The Master of Science in Social Anthropology unites depth and breadth in exploring social communities and cultural contexts. The programme offers immersion into a scientific approach and provides analytical and methodological tools that are fundamental for both continued academic activities and investigative, exploratory and analytical work within the public, private or non-profit sectors.

The programme's courses are based on the relevant research front and the expertise of the department in the subject areas. The student receives training in designing their own research projects and in critically assessing existing research. The student is also given scope to shape their own studies through elective methodology courses in Semester II, as well as in Semester III when the student combines optional courses, fieldwork and/or an internship.

The programme broadens theoretical perspectives, develops the student's critical thinking and provides more specialised skills in qualitative methodology and analysis. With broadened subject knowledge and a strong link to the wider world, the skills offered are of importance for understanding and contributing to a heterogeneous and changing society.

Goals

To obtain a Degree of Master (120 credits) or Degree of Master (60 credits) the student shall demonstrate the following, in accordance with the Higher Education Ordinance:

Knowledge and understanding

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the field of Social Anthropology, including both broad knowledge of the field and a considerable degree of specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as insight into current research and development work, and
- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the field of Social Anthropology.

For a Degree of Master (60 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the field of Social Anthropology, including both an overview of the field and specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as insight into current research and development work, and
- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the field of Social Anthropology.

Competence and skills

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information
- demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate issues critically, autonomously and creatively as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames and so contribute to the formation of knowledge as well as the ability to evaluate this work
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing both nationally and internationally to clearly report and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in some other qualified capacity.

For a Degree of Master (60 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information
- demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate issues autonomously as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing to report clearly and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in

- dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or employment in some other qualified capacity.

Judgement and approach

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in the field of Social Anthropology informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work
- demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used, and
- demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for his or her ongoing learning.

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Course information

Semester I of the programme consists of a course on current research directions and debates (15 credits) and an ethnographic methodology course (15 credits).

Semester II begins with an advanced theory course (15 credits), which is followed by a course on anthropological research design (7.5 credits) and an elective methodology course (7.5 credits) from among the courses offered by the Graduate School.

Semester III is made up of optional courses, fieldwork or an internship amounting to 30 credits.

The programme concludes with a degree project (30 credits) for the Degree of Master of Science in Social Anthropology.

Additional information in appendix Course information SASAN.

Degree

Degree titles

Degree of Master of Science (120 credits)

Major: Social Anthropology

Filosofie masterexamen

Huvudområde: Socialantropologi

Degree of Master of Science (60 credits)

Major: Social Anthropology

Filosofie magisterexamen

Huvudområde: Socialantropologi

To be awarded a Degree of Master of Science (120 credits) Major: Social Anthropology, the student must have completed the courses stated under "Course details" (or equivalent courses at another higher education institution).

It is also possible to obtain a Degree of Master of Science (60 credits) Major: Social Anthropology on completion of the following required courses (or equivalent courses at another higher education institution): 1. Social Anthropology: Contemporary Social Anthropological Debates (15 credits), 2. Ethnography in Social Science (15 credits), 3. Optional courses, (15 credits), 4. Degree project (15 credits) for a Degree of Master of Science (60 credits).

Requirements and Selection method

Requirements

To be admitted to the programme, the student must have the equivalent of a Swedish Bachelor's degree with social sciences as the main field of study, including at least 60 credits in Social Anthropology. Oral and written English language proficiency equivalent to English 6 from Swedish upper-secondary school is a requirement.

Selection method

The applicant's estimated capacity to complete the programme is the primary criterion for selection. The selection process takes into consideration previous grades awarded (grades on courses and degree project for Bachelor's degree) and a statement of purpose (according to the template). A particular emphasis is given to previous grades awarded.

Transition rules

This programme syllabus replaces the previous version of the programme syllabus (Reg. no U 2022/682). Admissions in accordance with the previous version of the programme were conducted for the last time in the autumn semester of 2024.

Students who were admitted in accordance with the previous version of the programme are entitled to complete their studies according to the programme syllabus that applied at the time of their enrolment. They will be offered exams in accordance with course syllabi up to one year after the courses were offered for the last time.

Other information

The language of instruction is English, which means that lectures and seminars are in English.

Appendix

Course information SASAN

	Periods 1 & 2	Period 3	Period 4
Semester I	Social Anthropology: Contemporary Social Anthropological Debates (15 credits)	Social Anthropology: Ethnography in Social Science (15 credits)	
Semester II	Social Anthropology: Engaging with Social Anthropological Theory (15 credits)	Social Anthropological Project Design (7.5 credits)	Elective methodology course (7.5 credits)
Semester III	Optional courses/ fieldwork/internship (30 credits)		
Semester IV	Degree project (30 credits) for Master's Degree (120 credits)		