

Module Handbook for MA in Social and Cultural Anthropology (Status 24.08.2012, subject to change)

Module ETH-MA-01	Module Title Theoretical Approaches		Compulsory Modules
Credit points	9 credit points		
Workload - Contact time - Private study	Total: 270 h Contact time: 60 h Private study: 210 h		
Module form a) Compulsory b) Required elective c) Elective	01-1 Seminar (Compulsory): Theoretical Approaches in Anthropology 1 (2 credit hour) 01-2 Seminar (Required elective): Theoretical Approaches in Anthropology 2 (2 credit hour) <u>or</u> 01-3 Lecture (Required elective): History of Anthropological Theory (2 credit hour)		
Number of subject- specific semesters	Semester 1		
Duration of module	1 semester		
Frequency	Winter semester		
Language of instruction	English		
Group size/ limited admission	No limit		
Course types	Lecture 2 credit hour, Seminar 2 credit hour		
Aims / skills	To deepen the scientific knowledge about the theories and methodological approaches in anthropology.		
Content of module	In the seminars, basic theoretical anthropological approaches will be explained and further discussed based on ethnographic case studies. The module 01-1 is mandatory; the module 01-2 is required elective and can be replaced by the lecture (Module 01-3). It is especially recommended to students who do not have a BA degree in anthropology. The lecture teaches the history of science from the beginning of the discipline (evolutionism and diffusionism) to the present day: structuralism, intercultural comparison, crisis of representation and postmodernism. In addition, the relevance of scientific knowledge to neighboring disciplines and to practice will be examined. Particular theoretical approaches to anthropology will be deepened in the seminars.		
Form of assessment/ grading	01-1 Written assignment and/or exam or oral exam	graded	4,5 credit points
	01-2 Written assignment and/or exam or oral exam	graded	4,5 credit points
	<u>or</u> 01-3 Written assignment and/or exam or oral exam	graded	4,5 credit points
Can be used as:	Prerequisite for the modules 5 to 09		

Prerequisites	None
Module convenor	Roland Hardenberg, N.N.
Literature / study materials	The reading list will be distributed at the beginning of the semester.

Module ETH-MA-02	Research Methods		Compulsory Modules
Credit points	9 credit points		
Workload - Contact time - Private study	Total: 270 h Contact time: 60 h Private study: 210 h		
Module form a) Compulsory b) Required elective c) Elective	02-1 Main seminar (Compulsory): Core Anthropological Research Area (2 credit hour) 02-2 Exercise (Compulsory): Planning and Designing Research Projects or Internship (2 credit hour)		
Number of subject- specific semesters	Semester 1		
Duration of module	1 semester		
Frequency	Winter semester		
Language of instruction	English		
Group size/ limited admission	No limit		
Course types	Seminar 2 credit hour, exercise 2 credit hour		
Aims / skills	Acquisition of knowledge and skills for the cross-cultural and culture-specific analysis of human behavior in various societies and contexts are the study goals. A preparation of a synopsis is done in the form of a research proposal.		
Content of module	In Module 02-1, depending on the offering of the department, specific research focuses will be discussed, such as: anthropology of religion, social and economic anthropology, process of ethnicity (research on migration, conflicts, identity and interculturalism), medical anthropology, anthropology and applied anthropology. The module 02-2 gives an opportunity to students to present their own research projects or internship. A synopsis or an application for a proposed project in semester 3 will be prepared.		
Form of assessment/ grading	02-1 Written assignment and/or exam or oral exam	graded	6 credit points
	02-2 A synopsis in the form of research proposal or project plan	graded	3 credit points
Can be used as:	Prerequisite for the modules 5 to 09		
Prerequisites	None		
Module convenor	Sabine Klocke-Daffa, N.N.		

Literature / study materials

Will be distributed at the beginning of the semester.

Module ETH-MA-03	Theories of Culture and Society *		Compulsory Modules
Credit points	9 credit points		
Workload - Contact time - Private study	Total: 270 h Contact time: 60 h Private study: 210 h		
Module form a) Compulsory b) Required elective c) Elective	Compulsory Required elective		
Number of subject- specific semesters	Semester 1		
Duration of module	1 semester		
Frequency	Winter semester		
Language of instruction	English		
Group size/ limited admission	Depending on the subject requirements		
Course types	Lectures, seminars or exercise		
Aims / skills	Development of comprehensive perspectives, input and contribution of anthropological knowledge to neighboring disciplines are the study goals.		
Content of module	Insight into the research contents of neighboring disciplines and their approaches will be gained.		
Form of assessment/ grading	See the requirements of the respective subject.	See the requirements of the respective subject.	9 credit points
Can be used as:	Prerequisite for the modules 5 to 09		
Prerequisites	None		
Module convenor	N.N.		
Literature / study materials	See the requirements of the respective subject.		

* Classical Archaeology, Egyptology, Ancient Near Eastern philology, Near Eastern Archaeology, Prehistory and Early History Archaeology, Medieval Archaeology, Art History, Musicology, Japanese Language and Culture, Politics and Society in East Asia, Languages, History and Cultures of the Middle East, Sinology / Chinese Studies, Sociology, Empirical Cultural Studies, Communication Studies, Literature Studies, Historical Sciences.

Module ETH-MA-04	Languages *		Compulsory Modules
Credit points	6 credit points		
Workload - Contact time - Private study	Total: 180 Contact time: 60 (minimum requirement) Private study: 120		
Module form a) Compulsory b) Required elective c) Elective	04-1 Language course 04-2 Language course		(2 credit hour) (2 credit hour)
Number of subject- specific semesters	Semester 1-2		
Duration of module	2 semesters		
Frequency	Once in an academic year		
Language of instruction	English		
Group size/ limited admission	See the requirements of the respective subject.		
Course types	Language course 4 credit hour over 2 semesters		
Aims / skills	Acquisition of a language of one of the regions of South Asia or Central Asia and its further development is the study goal.		
Content of module	Basic principles of the chosen language and training are introduced. Improvement of language skills is continued.		
Form of assessment/ grading	See the requirements of the respective subject.	See the requirements of the respective subject.	6 credit points
Can be used as:	Prerequisite for the modules 5 to 09		
Prerequisites	None		
Module convenor	N.N.		
Literature / study materials	See the requirements of the respective subject.		

* Turkish and other related Turkic languages (e.g. Azeri, Uzbek, Kyrgyz, depending on the offer), Persian, Russian, Hindi or Urdu, Tamil, other South Asian languages (e.g. Oriya, Bengali, Assamese, depending on the offer), Chinese, in exceptional cases.

Module ETH-MA-05	South and Central Asia		Compulsory Modules
Credit points	9 credit points		
Workload - Contact time - Private study	Total: 270 h Contact time: 30 h Private study: 240 h		
Module form a) Compulsory b) Required elective c) Elective	05-1 Main seminar (Required elective): Anthropological Research in South Asia (2 credit hour) 05-2 Reading course (Required elective): South Asia <u>or</u> 05-3 Main seminar (Required elective): Anthropological Research in Central Asia (2 credit hour) 05-4 Reading course (Required elective): Central Asia		
Number of subject-specific semesters	Semester 2		
Duration of module	1 semester		
Frequency	Once in an academic year		
Language of instruction	English		
Group size/ limited admission	15		
Course types	Seminar 2 credit hour, exercise 2 credit hour		
Aims / skills	The focus is regional and thematic specialization in South Asia or Central Asia. Understanding of transnational processes, cultural diversity and difference are study goals.		
Content of module	Students interested in South Asia will choose modules 05-1 and 05-2 and those interested in Central Asia will choose modules 05-3 and 05-4. The main seminars will provide a regional overview of South Asia or Central Asia, and, depending on the offerings, will cover specific themes based on the research focuses of the department: e.g. religion (rituals and feasts), kinship organization, political mobilization, social and spatial mobility structures. In the reading courses, students work independently on monographs concerning their respective regions of interest, which will be agreed beforehand with the lecturer.		
Form of assessment/ grading	05-1 Written assignment and/or exam or oral exam or excerpts	graded	6 credit points
	05-2 Excerpts	not graded	3 credit points
	<u>or</u>		
	05-3 Written assignment and/or exam or oral exam or excerpts	graded	6 credit points
	05-4 Excerpts	not graded	3 credit points

Can be used as:	Prerequisites for the modules 8 and 09
Prerequisites	Successful completion of the modules 1 to 4
Module convenor	Roland Hardenberg, Gabriele Alex
Literature / study materials	The reading list will be distributed at the beginning of the semester.

Module ETH-MA-06	Immersion Module		Compulsory Modules
Credit points	9 credit points		
Workload - Contact time - Private study	Total: 270 h Contact time: 60 h Private study: 120 h		
Module form a) Compulsory b) Required elective c) Elective	06-1 Main seminar (Compulsory): Thematic and/or regional focus (2 credit hour) 06-2 Main seminar (Required elective): Research Methods (2 credit hour) <u>or</u> 06-3 Main seminar (Required elective): Anthropological Research Centers and Fields of Application (2 credit hour)		
Number of subject-specific semesters	Semester 2		
Duration of module	1 semester		
Frequency	Summer semester		
Language of instruction	English		
Group size/ limited admission	No limit		
Course types	Main seminar 2 credit hour		
Aims / skills	Students will deepen the knowledge of the selected regional or theoretical focus. Acquisition of research methods in social and cultural studies is the goal. Students will practice using anthropological research methods to handle theoretical questions in the framework of a planned research project, thus, improving theoretical and practical knowledge in applied anthropology.		
Content of module	The module 06-1 is compulsory and will cover either thematic or regional focuses. The main focus will be on actual debates about anthropological theory or certain socio-cultural phenomena in the chosen regions. The module 06-2 is required elective. It is particularly recommended to those students, who plan to conduct a research study during the mobility semester (module 9) and have not attended any seminars on anthropological research methods so far. Anthropological research methods will be introduced on the basis of case studies: participant observation, qualitative and quantitative data collection, survey design, and ethnographic description. The module 06-3 is required elective. It is recommended to students who already have knowledge of anthropological methods and/or would like to undergo an internship in the mobility semester (module 9). Fields of practice for anthropologists outside university within the framework of (private and public) institutional collaborations will be presented: systems of education and health, international and intercultural organizations, institutions for development, migration and integration, media (print, film and music), museums.		
Form of assessment/ grading	06-1 Written assignment and/or exam or oral exam	graded	4,5 credit points

	06-2 Written assignment and/or exam or oral exam	graded	4,5 credit points
	or		
	06-3 Written assignment and/or exam or oral exam and/or practical work	graded	4,5 credit points
Can be used as:	Prerequisite for the modules 8 and 09		
Prerequisites	Successful completion of the modules 1 to 4		
Module convenor	Sabine Klocke-Daffa, Gabriele Alex		
Literature / study materials	The reading list will be distributed at the beginning of the semester.		

Module ETH-MA-07	Project Preparation Module		Compulsory Modules
Credit points	6 credit points		
Workload - Contact time - Private study	Total: 180 h Contact time: 30 h Private study: 150 h		
Module form a) Compulsory b) Required elective c) Elective	07-1 A working group prepares a research project or internship (Compulsory) (2 credit hour)		
Number of subject-specific semesters	Semester 2		
Duration of module	1 semester		
Frequency	Summer semester		
Language of instruction	English		
Group size/ limited admission	15		
Course types	A working group		
Aims / skills	Practical and technical preparation for the stay abroad is the study goal.		
Content of module	Practical questions (visa, vaccination, applications and registrations) will be reviewed. There will be professional preparation (familiarizing oneself with the theoretical and regional debates, linking research methodology and research questions). The working group meets once with the lecturer at the beginning of the semester to agree on the semester plan. Afterwards there will be weekly sessions or block seminars (equals 2 credit hour) under student direction. In the last session the results will be presented in presence of the lecturer.		
Form of assessment/ grading	07-1 Final presentation	not graded	6 credit points
Can be used as:	Prerequisite for the modules 8 and 09		
Prerequisites	Successful completion of the modules 1 to 4		
Module convenor	Roland Hardenberg, Gabriele Alex		
Literature / study materials	The reading list will be distributed at the beginning of the semester.		

Module ETH-MA-08	Research Project or Internship		Compulsory Modules
Credit points	30 credit points		
Workload - Contact time - Private study	Total: 900 h Mobility semester in the regions of South Asia or Central Asia		
Module form a) Compulsory b) Required elective c) Elective	Compulsory		
Number of subject-specific semesters	Semester 3		
Duration of module	1 semester		
Frequency	Winter semester		
Language of instruction	English		
Group size/ limited admission	15		
Course types	08-1 Preparation for a research project or internship in South Asia and its implementation (Required elective) or 08-2 Preparation for a research project or internship in Central Asia and its implementation (Required elective)		
Aims / skills	Acquisition of knowledge and skills for the independent conceptualization of scientific research projects, for example, planning and doing cooperative work with institutions in South Asia or Central Asia are the study goals. Competence to independently apply ethnographic and empirical research methods will be developed. Students will also acquire skills needed to observe, understand and interpret human interactions in different cultural contexts.		
Content of module	Students will deepen their theoretical and methodological understanding in the subject-specific area; identify concrete issues in South Asia or Central Asia in consideration under research projects. Respectively, students will examine the preparation and organization of institutional, practical cooperative work in the regions of South Asia or Central Asia. Practice and application of anthropological fieldwork techniques (see module 6) in concrete, subject-specifically formulated research questions will be done.		
Form of assessment/ grading	08-1 Preparation and submission of the project design and the final report and/or the evaluation of the collected data	graded	30 credit points
	08-2 Preparation and submission of the project design and the final report and/or the evaluation of the collected data	graded	30 credit points

Can be used as:	Prerequisite for the module 09
Prerequisites	Successful completion of the modules 1- 7
Module convenor	Roland Hardenberg, Gabriele Alex
Literature / study materials	The reading list will be distributed at the beginning of the semester.

Module ETH-MA-09	Examination Module		Compulsory Modules
Credit points	33 credit points		
Workload - Contact time - Private study	Total: 900 h Contact time: 30 h colloquium Private study: 870 h		
Module form a) Compulsory b) Required elective c) Elective	09-1 Colloquium (Compulsory) 09-2 Master's thesis (Compulsory) 09-3 Oral exam (Compulsory)		(2 credit hour)
Number of subject-specific semesters	Semester 4		
Duration of module	1 semester		
Frequency	Summer semester		
Language of instruction	English		
Group size/ limited admission	15		
Course types	09-1 Colloquium 09-2 Master's thesis 09-3 Oral exam		(2 credit hour)
Aims / skills	In colloquium, knowledge is presented and discussed and presentation skills are sharpened. The thesis and the oral exam show how competently students apply theories and methods, and confirm their knowledge about the researched regions, which are necessary for the understanding and gaining of sensitivity of the cultural similarities and differences.		
Content of module	Students will discuss and present the data collected in the field. Evaluation, theory-based interpretation and critical analysis of the fieldwork data will be done. Thesis writing will take place under the supervision of the professional representative at the faculty and thesis defense in the oral examination.		
Form of assessment/ grading	09-1 Presentation	not graded	3 credit points
	09-2 MA written exam (see Exam Regulations)	graded	20 credit points
	09-3 MA oral exam (see Exam Regulations)	graded	10 credit points
Can be used as:	Prerequisite for the final module		
Prerequisites	Successful completion of the modules 1 to 8		
Module convenor	Roland Hardenberg, Gabriele Alex		
Literature / study materials	The reading list will be distributed at the beginning of the semester.		