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## 1. Qualification goals

The English language M.A. programme "Social and Cultural Anthropology" is a programme of study in the cultural and social sciences. A Bachelor's degree in the main subject of Ethnology or an equivalent degree in a thematically-methodologically related subject with an overall grade of at least 2.5 is required for admission to the Master's programme in Social and Cultural Anthropology/Ethnology. The programme also requires a very good knowledge of English, at least in the area of B2.

The two-year Master's programme serves to acquire in-depth scientific qualifications in the field of ethnology and is geared towards systematic critical knowledge acquisition. Students acquire the most important theories and concepts of anthropology and the research methods relevant to the subject. Students are familiarised with the ethical dimensions of ethnological research and knowledge production. Students gain insights into the fields of application and professional areas of ethnology and can deepen these in their study project (in the 3rd semester) and acquire scientific and practical knowledge which will qualify them for the labour market.

The two-year Master's programme is divided into three phases. The first phase comprises the first and second semesters of the programme, in which students acquire theoretical and methodological knowledge and are given the opportunity to set their own focus for their study project. This phase serves above all for scientific reflection and personal focus setting, which should enable students to pursue independent scientific projects.

In the second phase - in the third semester - a study project takes place: this forms the core of the Master's programme. Its purpose is to translate the abstract theoretical and methodological knowledge acquired in the first phase into concrete empirical questions and to implement these in a study project. Through the study project, students gain sensitivity for the complexity and diversity of the discipline and for the ethical aspects of anthropological work; they acquire in-depth theoretical and ethnographic knowledge of at least one particular society/region and one subject area of anthropology; they learn the methods and independent critical problem-solving skills in various contexts, which takes place in scientific and applied fields. The final phase in the fourth semester serves to process the information collected in the study project, to present the study projects in the joint colloquium and to supervise the writing of the Master's thesis. In the colloquium, students acquire the ability to present their research results orally and in writing to both an academic and a lay audience. In the Master's thesis, the students should learn to analyse the concrete empirical data obtained from the study project in order to contribute to further abstract theory as well as to develop proposals for solutions to concrete problems.

The competences acquired in the Master's programme enable students to work in cultural and social science professional fields in Germany and abroad or to continue their studies with a doctoral programme in ethnology or related subjects.

### **Master Profile "Museum and Collections"**

Alternatively, the **Master's profile "Museum and Collections"** can be chosen within the two-year Master's programme. For this, the modules MA-ETH-01, MA-ETH-02, MA-ETH-04, MA-ETH-06.2 and MA-ETH-08 must be taken. In the module MA-ETH-06 an internship of 8 weeks in a museum is recommended, but a study project in the field of museums and

collections can also be carried out. The courses of the Master's profile "Museum and Collections" are generally held in German. Therefore, a very good knowledge of German (at least B2) is required for studies within the scope of the Master's profile "Museum and Collections".

The two-year Master's programme with the Master's profile "Museum and Collections" comprises theories and concepts from, above all, art history, ethnology, empirical cultural studies and archaeology. It offers a holistic view of museum work by examining it in the context of the respective institutional, cultural, political and social developments. It provides students with special knowledge in the fields of museum structure and organisation, exhibitions in museums and museum education, cultural heritage and new museology.

Students engage critically with the topic of museums and collections; they learn to critically evaluate the relevant debates, problems, controversies, concepts and theories relevant to museums and collections. Through the study project and the practical module, the practical areas of museum work are learned and academically contextualised. At the end of the programme, students will be able to apply the debates originating from museology and ethnology to the analysis, research, reflection and synthesis of complex approaches in the field of museums and collections and to understand objects and collections in terms of their relationship to societies (e.g. societies of origin, exhibition societies). This enables students to convey and interpret knowledge and ideas about objects and collections to a general and specialised museum audience.

## 2. Study plan

### 2.1 Overview by modules in the Master's programme "Ethnology/ Social and Cultural Anthropology" (without profile line)

(according to the module overview of the study and examination regulations)

Module-number	compulsory / Compulsory	Module title	Recommended Semester	CP
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ETH-MA-01	P	Theoretical foundations and new approaches in Social and Cultural Anthropology	1	15
ETH-MA-02	P	Methods and the practice of fieldresearch	1	12
ETH-MA-03	P	Contextualising anthropological theory and practice	1-2	9
ETH-MA-04	P	Thematical, theoretical and regional immersion	2	15
ETH-MA-05	P	Import modules **	2-3	6
ETH-MA-06	P	Study project/Ethnographic fieldwork or internship	3	15
ETH-MA-07	P	Writing ethnography	3	15
ETH-MA-08	P	Thesis and oral exam	4	33
		Total credit points		120

## 2.2 Overview by modules in the Master's programme "Ethnology/Social and Cultural Anthropology" (with profile line Museum and Collections)

(according to the module overview of the study and examination regulations)

Module-number	compulsory / Compulsory voting	Module title	Recommended Semester	CP
ETH-MA-01	P	Theoretical foundations and new approaches in Social and Cultural Anthropology	1	15
ETH-MA-02	P	Methods and the practice of fieldresearch	1	12
MA-MUSA-1	P	Museum history and theory	1-2	9
ETH-MA-04	P	Thematical, theoretical and regional immersion	2	15
MA-MUSA-2	P	Study Project Museum & Collections	2 and 3	12
ETH-MA-06	P	Study project/Ethnographic fieldwork or internship	3	15
MA-MUSA-3	P	Exhibition and collections in a disciplinary context	3	9
ETH-MA-08	P	Thesis and oral exam	4	33
		Total credit points		120

## 2.3 Overview by course of study in the Master's programme "Ethnology/Social and Cultural Anthropology" (without profile line)

Semester	CP								
1.	30	ETH-MA-01 15 CP	ETH-MA-02 12 CP	ETH-MA-03 (3 CP)					
2.	24			ETH-MA-03 (6 CP)	ETH-MA-04 (15 CP)	ETH-MA-05 (3 CP)			
3.	33					ETH-MA-05 (3 CP)	ETH-MA-06 (15 CP)	ETH-MA-07 (15 C)	
4.	33								ETH-MA-08 (33 CP)

Note: The third semester is particularly suitable for a possible stay abroad.

## 2.4 Overview by course of study in the Master's programme "Ethnology/Social and Cultural Anthropology" (with profile line Museum and Collections)

Semester	CP								
1.	30	ETH-MA-01 15 CP	ETH-MA-02 12 CP	MA-MUSA 1 (3 CP)					
2.	27			MA-MUSA 1 (6 CP)	ETH-MA-04 (15 CP)	MA-MUSA 2 (6 CP)			
3.	30					MA-MUSA 2 (6 CP)	ETH-MA-06 (15 CP)	MA-MUSA 3 (9 CP)	
4.	33								ETH-MA-08 (33 CP)

Legend	
Evaluation system:	b = graded; ub = ungraded (passed/failed) kP = no test

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<b>Type of examination:</b>	K= Written examination; MP= Oral examination; H= Homework; R = Presentation, etc.
<b>Duration:</b>	Duration of the test in <i>min</i>
<b>weighting:</b>	For courses = weighting of the examination grade for the module grade For modules = weighting of the module grade for the final grade entered
<b>SWS:</b>	Semester hours per week
<b>Status:</b>	o = compulsory; f = optional
<b>Type of teaching form:</b>	VL=Lecture; PS=Proseminar; S=Seminar; Ü=Exercise, SK=Language course, Pr=Internship, etc.
<b>LP:</b>	Credit points (ECTS points)

### 3. Module descriptions

<b>module number:</b> ETH-MA-01	<b>Module title:</b> Theoretical foundations and new approaches in Social and Cultural Anthropology				<b>Type of module:</b> Duty				
<b>CP*</b>	15 CP								
<b>Workload*</b> - contact time - self-study	workload: 180 h	contact time: 60 h / 4 SWS			self-study: 150 h				
<b>Module duration*</b>	1 semester								
<b>Frequency of the offer*</b>	Start of each winter semester								
<b>Language of instruction</b>	English								
<b>Teaching/learning forms*</b>	<b>1.1 Advanced Seminar</b> History/Key Debates in Ethnology (2 SWS) <b>1.2 Advanced Seminar</b> Theory and Practice of Ethnology (2 SWS)								
<b>Module content*</b>	1.1. Introduction to the different regional and theoretical approaches to ethnology, treatment of the important debates of the discipline, discussion of ethnological practice in science and outside of science. 1.2. Seminars on various main topics in ethnology								
<b>Qualification goals*</b>	The students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- familiarise themselves with the history of science as well as with various fields and theories of ethnology</li> <li>- can recognise and formulate different theoretical approaches to ethnology at an advanced level</li> <li>- are able to apply paradigmatic elements of specialised knowledge at a high level of communicative competence</li> </ul>								
<b>Study performance</b>	presentation, essay								
<b>Prerequisite for the award of credit points/ grading (possibly weighting)*</b>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Type of teaching form</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>SWS</i>	<i>CP</i>	<i>Type of examination</i>	<i>Time allowed for the test</i>	<i>Grading system</i>	<i>Calculation module grade</i>
	1.1 Seminar	S	O	2	6	kP	-	ub	-
	1.2 Seminar	S	O	2	6	kP	-	ub	-
	1.3 Elaboration of a presentation/pedagogical handouts either for 1.1 or 1.2		O		3	H	-	b	100
<b>Usability*</b>	M.A. degree								
<b>Conditions of participation*</b>	None								



<b>module number:</b> ETH-MA-02	<b>Module title:</b> Methods and the practice of fieldresearch		<b>Type of module:</b> Duty						
<b>CP*</b>	12 CP								
<b>Workload* - contact time - self-study</b>	workload: 360 h	contact time: 60 h / 4 SWS	self-study: 270 h						
<b>Module duration*</b>	2 semesters								
<b>Frequency of the offer*</b>	Start of each winter semester								
<b>Language of instruction</b>	English								
<b>Teaching/learning forms*</b>	2.1 Field research methods <b>exercise</b> (2 SWS) 2.2 <b>Seminar</b> Planning and preparation of the practice/research project (2 SWS)								
<b>Module content*</b>	Preparation for the practical module 1st Introduction to the empirical methods of field research, practical exercises for learning the methods, learning of analytical methods and writing of data 2nd Preparatory planning of the individual study project in terms of theoretical contextualisation, regional embedding and methodological framing								
<b>Qualification goals*</b>	The students - can apply various qualitative methods, and can refer to basic methods and design elementary research approaches and projects - can draw up a methodological research plan and present it in writing - learn to assess the ethical aspects of research and apply them to their planned projects - acquire the necessary skills to carry out the modules MA-ETH-06 and MA-ETH-07								
<b>Study performance</b>	Presentation, practical exercises, exposé								
<b>Prerequisite for the award of credit points/ grading (possibly weighting)*</b>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Type of teaching form</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>SWS</i>	<i>CP</i>	<i>Type of examination</i>	<i>Time allowed for the test</i>	<i>Grading system</i>	<i>Calculation module grade</i>
	2.1 Seminar	S	O	2	6	kP	-	ub	-
	2.2 Seminar	S	O	2	3	kP	-	ub	-
	2.3 Housework	H	O		3	-	-	b	100
<b>Usability*</b>	M.A. degree								
<b>Conditions of participation*</b>	None								



<b>module number:</b> ETH-MA-03	<b>Module title:</b> Contextualising anthropological theory and practice		<b>Type of module:</b> Duty						
<b>CP*</b>	9 CP								
<b>Workload* - contact time - self-study</b>	workload: 270 h	contact time: 30 h / 2 SWS	self-study: 240 h						
<b>Module duration*</b>	2 semesters								
<b>Frequency of the offer*</b>	Start of each winter semester								
<b>Language of instruction</b>	English								
<b>Teaching/learning forms*</b>	<b>3.1. working party</b> <b>3.2 Tutorial</b> <b>3.3 Reading course</b>								
<b>Module content*</b>	Contextualisation and preparation for the practical module 3.1. working group for deepening content and peer learning 3.2 Tutorial for learning scientific working techniques 3.3 Reading course for individual focus on relevant theoretical, regional and methodological contents								
<b>Qualification goals*</b>	The students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- acquire the ability to work scientifically (researching, summarising texts, penetrating texts analytically, writing their own scientific texts)</li> <li>- learn to present and critically discuss scientific texts,</li> <li>- are familiar with the literature relevant to the planned projects</li> <li>- learn in working groups to critically comment and reflect on their own projects and those of their fellow students</li> </ul>								
<b>Study performance</b>	Essay, individual oral presentation at the end of the semester, organisation of the working group								
<b>Prerequisite for the award of credit points/ grading (possibly weighting)*</b>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Type of teaching form</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>SWS</i>	<i>CP</i>	<i>Type of examination</i>	<i>Time allowed for the test</i>	<i>Grading system</i>	<i>Calculation module grade</i>
	2.3. working group	AG	O	-	3	kP	-	ub	-
	2.3 Tutorial	Ü	O	-	3	kP	-	ub	-
	2.3 Reading course	AG	O	2	3	kP	-	ub	-
<b>Usability*</b>	M.A. degree								
<b>Conditions of participation*</b>	None								

<b>module number:</b> ETH-MA-04	<b>Module title:</b> Thematical, theoretical and regional immersion		<b>Type of module:</b> Duty						
<b>CP*</b>	15 CP								
<b>Workload*</b> - contact time - self-study	workload: 450 h	contact time: 60 h / 4 SWS	self-study: 390 h						
<b>Module duration*</b>	1 semester								
<b>Frequency of the offer*</b>	Start of each winter semester								
<b>Language of instruction</b>	English								
<b>Teaching/learning forms*</b>	<b>4.1 Main seminar</b> on changing topics from the priority area (2 SWS) <b>4.2 Main seminar</b> on changing topics from the priority area (2 SWS)								
<b>Module content*</b>	In-depth treatment of theoretical, thematic or regional focal points from the department's range of services								
<b>Qualification goals*</b>	The students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- learn to familiarise themselves systematically and independently with subject areas in ethnology.</li> <li>- have developed a research-oriented understanding based on paradigmatic topics from the department's offer</li> <li>- they identify suitable further methods and the theories for in-depth scientific discussion in the context of the study project</li> <li>- they are able to present the results of their in-depth study of a topic in writing in a way that is adequate for science</li> </ul>								
<b>Study performance</b>	presentation, essay								
<b>Prerequisite for the award of credit points/ grading (possibly weighting)*</b>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Type of teaching form</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>SWS</i>	<i>CP</i>	<i>Type of examination</i>	<i>Time allowed for the test</i>	<i>Grading system</i>	<i>Calculation module grade</i>
	4.1 <i>Advanced seminar</i>	S	O	2	6	kP	-	ub	-
	4.2 <i>Advanced seminar</i>	S	O	2	6	kP	-	ub	-
	4.3. <i>written elaboration from either 4.1.or 4.2.</i>	H	O	-	3	H	-	b	100
<b>Usability*</b>	M.A. degree								
<b>Conditions of participation*</b>	Modules MA-ETH 01 - MA-ETH-03								

<b>module number:</b> ETH-MA-05	<b>Module title:</b> Import modules		<b>Type of module:</b> Duty						
<b>CP*</b>	6 CP								
<b>Workload*</b> - contact time - self-study	workload: 180 h	contact time: 30-60 h/ 2-4 SWS	self-study: 150-120 h						
<b>Module duration*</b>	1-2 semesters								
<b>Frequency of the offer*</b>	Each semester								
<b>Language of instruction</b>	German or English								
<b>Teaching/learning forms*</b>	<b>Events from the field of ethnology or other subjects to deepen specific contents</b>								
<b>Module content*</b>	From the range of other subjects (e.g. EKW, AOI subjects, sociology, literary studies, media studies, empirical cultural studies, linguistics/philologies) and ethnology (including e-learning courses), seminars, exercises, language courses, excursions or lectures can be attended.								
<b>Qualification goals*</b>	By choosing the import module, students can set their own priorities for their study project and acquire the necessary language, methodological, content-related, practical and/or theoretical knowledge.								
<b>Prerequisite for the award of credit points/ grading (possibly weighting)*</b>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Type of teaching form</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>SWS</i>	<i>CP</i>	<i>Type of examination</i>	<i>Time allowed for the test</i>	<i>Grading system</i>	<i>Calculation module grade</i>
	5.1	S/Ü/ VL/ Spr/ Exk	O	2-4	6	kP	-	ub	-
<b>Usability*</b>	M.A. degree								
<b>Conditions of participation*</b>	None								

<b>module number:</b> ETH-MA-06	<b>Module title:</b> Study project/Ethnographic fieldwork or internship		<b>Type of module:</b> Duty						
<b>CP*</b>	15 CP								
<b>Workload*</b> - contact time - self-study	workload: 450 h	contact time: 15 h	self-study: 435 h						
<b>Module duration*</b>	1 semester								
<b>Frequency of the offer*</b>	Start of each winter semester								
<b>Language of instruction</b>	German or English								
<b>Teaching/learning forms*</b>	<b>6.01 Study project</b> (15 hours contact time with the supervisor) <b>6.02 Practical semester</b> (15 hours contact time with the supervisor)								
<b>Module content*</b>	<p>The study project can take place in Germany or abroad, in cooperation with an organisation in the form of an internship or self-organised. Its purpose is to apply the methods and techniques of research and analysis (interviews, participant observation, genealogies, visual methods; scientific analysis of a selected topic, etc.) learned during the course of study and to generate findings that help to answer the research questions formulated in advance. Students in the Museum and Collections programme complete an internship semester with 12 CP and additionally take the tutorial Introduction to Scientific Working Techniques.</p>								
<b>Qualification goals*</b>	<p>Students acquire in-depth theoretical and ethnographic knowledge of at least one particular society/region and/or field of anthropology; they learn independent critical problem-solving skills in various contexts.</p>								
<b>Prerequisite for the award of credit points/ grading (possibly weighting)*</b>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Type of teaching form</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>SWS</i>	<i>CP</i>	<i>Type of examination</i>	<i>Time allowed for the test</i>	<i>Grading system</i>	<i>Calculation module grade</i>
	6.1 Study project	Pr	Of	1	15	kP	-	ub	-
	6.2 Practical semester	Pr	-	1	12	kP	-	ub	-
	6.2.tutorial	T	-	2	3	kP	-	ub	-
<b>Usability*</b>	M.A. degree								
<b>Conditions of participation*</b>	Modules MA-ETH 01 - MA-ETH-05; MA Museum and Collections: MA-MUSA-01,								

<b>module number:</b> ETH-MA-07	<b>Module title:</b> Writing ethnography		<b>Type of module:</b> Duty						
<b>CP*</b>	15 CP								
<b>Workload*</b> - contact time - self-study	workload: 450 h	contact time: 15 h	self-study: 435 h						
<b>Module duration*</b>	1 semester								
<b>Frequency of the offer*</b>	Start of each winter semester								
<b>Language of instruction</b>	German or English								
<b>Teaching/learning forms*</b>	Project work (30 pages)								
<b>Module content*</b>	The project work refers to module 6.1 and takes place after the completed study project. It summarises the study project and documents the procedure, methodological work processes, difficulties and learning progress from the study project. It backs up the study project with scientific literature and frames it theoretically.								
<b>Qualification goals*</b>	Students acquire knowledge in the evaluation of their own data, they learn to place these data in connection with the subject areas and questions developed previously (module MA-ETH-02 and MA ETH-03, MA-ETH-04). They are able to present the results of their research in writing in an appropriate manner and are capable of structuring and analysing thematic fields of ethnology, including ethnological/social science theories and methods.								
<b>Prerequisite for the award of credit points/ grading (possibly weighting)*</b>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Type of teaching form</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>SWS</i>	<i>CP</i>	<i>Type of examination</i>	<i>Time allowed for the test</i>	<i>Grading system</i>	<i>Calculation module grade</i>
	<i>Project work</i>		<i>O/f</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>100</i>
<b>Usability*</b>	M.A. degree								
<b>Conditions of participation*</b>	Modules MA-ETH 01 - MA-ETH-06								

<b>module number:</b> ETH-MA-08	<b>Module title:</b> Thesis and oral exam		<b>Type of module:</b> Duty						
<b>CP*</b>	33 CP								
<b>Workload*</b> - contact time - self-study	workload: 990 h	contact time: 2 SWS	self-study: 870 h						
<b>Module duration*</b>	1 semester								
<b>Frequency of the offer*</b>	Start of summer semester								
<b>Language of instruction</b>	English								
<b>Teaching/learning forms*</b>	8.01. MA Colloquium 8.02. Master thesis 8.03 Oral examination								
<b>Module content*</b>	8.3 Introduction of the study project, oral presentation and poster presentation 8.2 Writing a scientific paper on a selected topic of approx. 50-70 pages (approx. 15,000-18,000 words) within a period of 6 months; Two bound copies are to be handed in to the board of examiners and one digital copy to the office of the department; 8.3 Oral examination (30 minutes) consisting of defence of the Master's thesis.								
<b>Qualification goals*</b>	Students write an independent and scientifically sound written qualification thesis according to the guidelines of the Department of Ethnology. They are able to present their research question and the scientific treatment of this question in the form of a poster presentation and orally to a lay audience and a specialist audience (oral examination) and to discuss it critically.								
<b>oraussetzung for the award of credit points/ grading (weighting where appropriate)*</b>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Type of teaching form</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>SWS</i>	<i>CP</i>	<i>Type of examination</i>	<i>Time allowed for the test</i>	<i>Grading system</i>	<i>Calculation module grade</i>
	<i>08.01 Colloquium</i>		O	2	3	-	-	ub	-
	<i>08.02 Written master thesis</i>		O	-	20	H	-	b	2/3
	<i>08.03 Oral examination</i>		O	-	10	mP	30 min	b	1/3
<b>Usability*</b>	M.A. degree								
<b>Conditions of participation*</b>	Fulfilment of the formal and subject-related admission requirements according to the general examination regulations. Proof of all required module credits according to Par. 8 of the special examination regulations as well as study credits amounting to 87 LP; Written application with all necessary proofs to the responsible examination board; see also the general part of the examination regulations part IV Master thesis and the special part of the examination regulations part IV Master examination and overall grade .								