



**Degree Profile**

**Master in Anthropology**

<b>Organizational unit</b>	Department of Social Sciences, Anthropology
<b>Degree</b>	MA Anthropology
<b>Range, Duration, Start</b>	65 ECTS Major, 35 ECTS Minor; 4 Semesters (if full time), Spring and Fall Semester
<b>Language of instruction</b>	English

**Program Goals**

The students develop a solid knowledge of cross-cultural and culture-specific analysis of human agency in different societies and milieus with specific thematic and regional foci. They are able to use scientific methods in the analysis of data and to carry out ethnographic research autonomously.

**Program Characteristics**

<b>Orientation</b>	Scientific-oriented education
<b>Subject area</b>	Social and Cultural Anthropology
<b>Majors</b>	–
<b>Program structure</b>	The students select a major (65 ECTS), a minor (35 ECTS) and free elective (20 ECTS).  The curriculum includes the modules Theory and General Anthropology (8 ECTS), Research Skills in Social and Cultural Anthropology (5 ECTS), Ethnographic Research with Field Trip (17 ECTS), a master’s examination (5 ECTS) and a master’s thesis (30 ECTS, if Anthropology as major).
<b>Distinctive Features</b>	Our regional research and teaching focus is sub-Saharan Africa supplemented by courses on Latin America, Oceania and South East Asia. Topical courses are centred on our research specializations in political anthropology, urban anthropology, visual studies, media anthropology, and medical anthropology. Globalization, inter- and transcultural studies as well as migration and social/ethnic conflicts are fundamentally part of these research fields.

**Career Opportunities**

<b>Employment</b>	International development cooperation and consultancy, intercultural mediation, migration, integration and social work, media, public relations and journalism, museums, archives and independent curating, tourism, public health sector and sustainability, corporate sector (international enterprises, product development), diplomacy and politics
<b>Further Studies</b>	Doctorate

## Teaching

<b>Approaches</b>	Autonomous learning, guided field research, interactive learning, literature research, research-oriented learning, problem-based learning
<b>Assessments</b>	Oral and written examinations, active participation in courses, term papers, master's thesis

## Competences

<b>Generic</b> Attitude / Communication Approach / Management	Students acquire the skills to ... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– examine conceptual alternatives and research literature critically and substantially.</li> <li>– meet foreign cultural fields with critical openness.</li> <li>– deal successfully with diversity.</li> <li>– work project-oriented, in a timely and goal-oriented manner.</li> <li>– become quickly acquainted with new disciplinary and methodological approaches.</li> <li>– test hypotheses, work and design research questions as well as research drafts, autonomously as well as in team from conception to implementation, choosing suitable approaches and methods.</li> <li>– explain and communicate complex and systematic scientific relations and communicate effectively and persuasively in written and oral form.</li> <li>– defend their own insights from criticism while critically reflecting on own positions.</li> <li>– apply their academic knowledge to social practices.</li> <li>– read, understand, revise and write English and French scientific texts.</li> </ul>
<b>Subject-related</b> Knowledge / Understanding Application / Judgment Interdisciplinarity	Students acquire the skills to ... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– soundly know relevant anthropological theories and describe them in detail.</li> <li>– bring together independent knowledge bases in the field of anthropology and present them as a whole.</li> <li>– know and use ethnographic field research methods.</li> <li>– deepen and extend comparative anthropological perspectives and their understanding of thematic and regional issues.</li> <li>– understand and describe the significance of anthropology as extensive participation in other life contexts.</li> <li>– work transdisciplinary.</li> <li>– plan and execute a field trip.</li> </ul>

## Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the master's program in Anthropology...

- demonstrate a broad and in-depth knowledge of relevant anthropological theories as well as thematic and regional literature and can describe as well as apply selected current anthropological research fields and questions adequately to a research question.
- are able to deepen methodologically, conceptually and theoretically selected anthropological questions in the fields of political transformations, visual culture or medical anthropology and discuss their significance critically and relevantly with peers and experts.
- demonstrate a coherent anthropological understanding of societies on the basis of independent insights and can refer them to theoretical and practical examples of individual case study.
- can recognize and reflect the fundamental anthropological principles based on a concretely experienced reflection of their own social identity.
- are able to describe in detail empirical research methods, to select them appropriately, to apply them step by step correctly as well to justify the criteria for their choice.
- analyze scientifically phenomena of integration and discrimination across time and geographic regions as well as the spread of the human geographical and social reference frames.
- are able to handle specific regional, topical, historical and theoretical anthropological research questions based on accessible sources such as publications, archives, collections or on self-collected data and to analyze the results, to interpret them in relation to a theoretical framework.
- are able to develop their personal research foci by carrying out culture-specific and comparative analyses of the cultural Other and specifically of social action in a globalized world.
- are able to address, present and argue for the chosen scientific approach and to present their results for discussion to peers as well as the public clearly and adequately in written and oral form.