



SCHOOL OF GLOBAL STUDIES

Ethnographic Method, 7,5 higher education credits

Etnografisk metod, 7,5 högskolepoäng,
Third Cycle

Confirmation

The course syllabus was confirmed by the School of Global Studies on 2012-11-20 and was last revised on 2016-08-12 by the School of Global Studies to be valid from 2016-08-12.

Field of education: Social Sciences 100%

Department: School of Global Studies

Position in the Educational System

The course is a compulsory course in the PhD Programme in Social Anthropology.

Entry Requirements

General entrance requirements for studies in the third cycle.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course the student will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- summarize the methodological traditions of the social sciences in general and of anthropology in particular;
- discuss how methodology is related to research questions, analysis and ethical issues in the research process;

Skills and abilities

- select methods appropriate to the research problem;

Judgement and approach

- formulate ethical questions relating to the choice of method;
- assess and evaluate the potential and limitations of different methods and analytical strategies.

Course Content

This course aims to develop advanced knowledge in how to conduct an ethnographic study in terms of data collection and analysis. The course covers how to structure a study in a coherent manner by integrating theory and empirical material. It includes both traditional and new methods in the discipline and discusses their scientific potential and limitations. It also addresses questions relating to problem formulation, research questions, data analysis, research ethics and academic style.

Form of Teaching

The course is taught through lectures, seminars and individual work. It may also be offered as a reading course comprising independent study with teaching taking the form of discussion and supervision.

Language of instruction: The course is given in Swedish or English depending on the students' language skills.

Assessment

The course is examined both orally and in writing. Written examination takes the form of assignments according to the teacher's instruction.

If a student, who has failed the same examined component twice, wishes to change examiner before the next examination, a written application shall be sent to the department responsible for the course and shall be granted unless there are special reasons to the contrary.

In cases where a course has been discontinued or has undergone major changes, the student shall normally be guaranteed at least three examination occasions (including the ordinary examination) during a period of at least one year from the last time the course was given.

Grades

The grading scale comprises Pass (G) and Fail (U).

To be awarded a Pass grade for the course requires that all parts of the examination meet the criteria for a Pass grade.

When the course is given as a seminar attendance in 2/3 of the scheduled seminars is required for a Pass grade.

Course Evaluation

The course ends with a written evaluation. The results will be communicated to the students who participated in the evaluation, as well as to the participants in the next course.