

Historical Anthropology

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Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500256 Social and Cultural Anthropology	OT	3	0
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Use of Languages

Principal working language: catalan (cat)
Some groups entirely in English: No
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Prerequisites

There are no pre-requisites

Objectives and Contextualisation

Optional course that is part of the subject of "Thematic areas of anthropology". It is taught in the first semester.

The general objective of the course is to train the student in the theories and methods of study of society as a historical phenomenon, based on the basis that the analysis of the diachronic and processual dimension is part of the anthropological task.

The course will introduce different authors and schools of thought that have proposed models of processual and historical analysis of societies; and methodological problems derived from studying both societies of the past and present societies in movement, based on the ethnography of the archive, oral history and visual techniques. We will discuss through different illustrative monographs the *modus operandi* of historical anthropology in various classical fields, with special attention to colonial studies, systems of power and classification, forms of religious experience, as well as the problem of modernity.

At the end of the course, the students will be able to:

- Incorporate the historical dimension in the anthropological analysis of society.
- Know and apply the main methods for diachronic analysis and the study of social change.

Competences

Social and Cultural Anthropology

- Apprehending cultural diversity through ethnography and critically assessing ethnographic materials as knowledge of local contexts and as a proposal of theoretical models.
- Demonstrating they know and comprehend the epistemological and methodological debates in Anthropology and the main investigation techniques.

- Developing critical thinking and reasoning and communicating them effectively both in your own and other languages.
- Respecting the diversity and plurality of ideas, people and situations.
- Students must be capable of applying their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional way and they should have building arguments and problem resolution skills within their area of study.
- Students must be capable of collecting and interpreting relevant data (usually within their area of study) in order to make statements that reflect social, scientific or ethical relevant issues.
- Using the discipline's ethnographic and theoretical corpus with analytical and synthesis skills.

Learning Outcomes

1. Analysing a contemporary fact from an anthropological perspective.
2. Applying the basic concepts of Social and Cultural Anthropology to the understanding of relationships between various societies and cultures.
3. Applying the knowledge of cultural variability and its genesis to avoid ethnocentric projections.
4. Apprehending cultural diversity through ethnography and critically assessing ethnographic materials as local context knowledge.
5. Assessing critically the explicit and implicit theoretical models in the ethnographic materials.
6. Distinguishing between the theoretical concepts of Anthropology and the indigenous concepts.
7. Engaging in debates about historical and contemporary facts and respecting the other participants' opinions.
8. Establishing historical connection between ethnographic and theoretical development.
9. Identifying main and supporting ideas and expressing them with linguistic correctness.
10. Identifying the sociocultural variability through ethnographic texts and audiovisual resources.
11. Identifying the transcultural variability of economic, kinship, political, symbolic and cognitive, educational and gender systems as well as their corresponding anthropological theory.
12. Interpreting the cultural diversity through ethnography.
13. Knowing and assessing the methodological debate of social and cultural Anthropology.
14. Summarising acquired knowledge about the origin and transformations experienced in the several fields of anthropology.
15. Summarizing the characteristics of a written text in accordance to its communicative purposes.
16. Theoretically analysing ethnographic examples of cultural diversity in the fields of education, gender and inclusion-exclusion systems.

Content

1. Presentation of historical anthropology

- History of a false dichotomy
- Approaches and proposals. From the history of mentalities to the Comaroff

2. Methodological challenges

- Disassembling chronocentrism. History, histories
- Ethnography of the archive
- Observing visual sources
- Oral history and memory policies

3. Applications and analysis of historical anthropology through the study of power

- Colonial situations. Intersections, forms of domination and resistance
- Systems of classification and production of exclusion: from blood to race and culture

- Religious visions, apparitions and social tensions
- Global history and multiple modernities

Methodology

Teaching methodology:

- Master classes with the support of the new information and communication technologies (NTIC).
- Presentation and discussion of cases.
- Presentation of guidelines for the autonomous analysis of documentation in historical and ethnographic archives and databases.
- Elaboration of abstracts of readings and discussion.
- Carry out diagrams and research projects.

Training Activities:

- Theoretical classes and targeted discussion sessions.
- Definition of approaches and sample of methodologies for diachronic analysis.
- Comprehensive reading and discussion of texts.
- Preparation of a research project.
- Individual study and discussion in team for the elaboration of works. Oral exhibitions and elaboration of works.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Classroom Group discussions	15	0.6	16, 3, 5, 13, 8, 10, 9, 7, 15, 14
Teacher's exposition	35	1.4	16, 3, 2, 4, 5, 13, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14
Type: Supervised			
Individual or team works and presentations	20	0.8	16, 1, 5, 13, 6, 8, 11, 7, 15, 14
Tutorials - written preparation work	5	0.2	16, 5, 13, 8, 9, 12, 14
Type: Autonomous			
Personal study and work preparation	40	1.6	16, 3, 2, 5, 13, 6, 8, 11, 9, 12, 15
Reading, prospecting and analysis of information	35	1.4	16, 3, 2, 5, 13, 6, 8, 10, 11, 9, 14

Assessment

At the beginning of the course, a schedule will be provided with the calendar of assessment activities and the instructions for the exercises. Consult Moodle regularly to extend / update the information in this guide and for the general functioning of the course.

Active participation in class: discussion of readings (15%) and presentation of research project (10%)	25%
Theoretical tests	25%
Final project	50%

The subject is evaluated using the following modules:

Module 1. Participation (25%)

- Presentation and discussion of readings: 10% oral presentation + 5% written delivery
- Reflection and discussion of a research project: 10%

Module 2. Written evidence (25%)

- Test about the readings discussed in class and its applications: 25%

Module 3. Research work (50%)

- Research project: reading a guiding thematic monograph (20%) + application to a practical case of research (30%)
- Activities excluded from re-assessment: non-presence during the oral presentation of the reading (10% of the mark) and during the presentation of the research in progress (10% of the mark) can not be recovered.
- The presentation of the written theoretical test will determine that the person commits to be evaluated and the person who does not appear, without justified cause, will automatically appear as "Not evaluable".
- The detection of plagiarism in the research work will imply the suspension of the exercise, with a zero.
- To opt for the re-evaluation of a suspended test, the exercise must have been weighed, and having obtained a minimum score of 2.
- At the time of carrying out each assessment activity, the teacher will inform the students of the procedure and date of review of the qualifications.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Delivery of works	50%	0	0	1, 3, 2, 4, 5, 13, 6, 8, 10, 11, 9, 12, 15, 14
Oral presentations and participation	25	0	0	13, 6, 8, 9, 7, 15, 14
Theoretical test	25	0	0	16, 2, 4, 5, 13, 6, 8, 9, 15, 14

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