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Prerequisites

There are no requirements.

Objectives and Contextualisation

This module is part of the specialization E2 "Sociocultural and environmental intervention".

Objectives:

- To know from a historical perspective applications of anthropology and theoretical debates related to these applications.
- To be able to apply anthropological knowledge in the design of projects of social intervention.
- To be able to propose projects of collaboration and intervention, as well as to present the obtained results to different audiences.
- To be able to collaborate interprofessionally in sociocultural intervention programs and programs of cooperation and development.

Competences

- Carry out ground-breaking, flexible research in anthropology by applying theories and methodologies and using appropriate data collection and analysis techniques.
- Communicate and justify conclusions clearly and unambiguously to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
- Defend arguments clearly, precisely and appropriately within the context, and at the same time value the contributions made by other people.
- Design programmes of social intervention and cooperation and development and analyse their cultural appropriateness.
- Identify, in ethnographic fieldwork, different outlooks corresponding to ethnic, class, gender and age inequalities and identities.
- Integrate knowledge and use it to make judgements in complex situations, with incomplete information, while keeping in mind social and ethical responsibilities.
- Make interpretations and relational explanations to assist in understanding specific ethnographic contexts.
- Solve problems in new or little-known situations within broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts related to the field of study.
- Systematically link up concepts, and theories within the discipline so as to analyse specific ethnographic contexts.
- Use information and communication technologies efficiently to acquire, create and spread knowledge.

Learning Outcomes

1. Apply the knowledge acquired to problem-solving in new or unfamiliar intervention contexts of applied anthropology.
2. Choose research methods that fit the aim of understanding the population being studied and the social and cultural problems to be solved.
3. Defend arguments clearly, precisely and appropriately within the context, and at the same time value the contributions made by other people.
4. Discern the type of comparative ethnographic studies to be made before the design of social intervention policies.
5. Identify associations, organisations and/or local leaders and assess their importance in intervention programmes.
6. Identify important elements in an interview, or in a particular ethnographic observation, that help to formulate judgments and reflect on social and ethical responsibilities in anthropology.
7. Identify the consequences of an intervention in the social and cultural systems of differentiation and stratification.
8. Integrate primary and secondary ethnographic data from varying sources.
9. Present conclusions and intervention proposals in the context of research
10. Systematically link up concepts, and theories within the discipline that fit in with the specific ethnographic context of an intervention.
11. Understand and use information and communication technologies in accordance with the ethnographic context chosen for study and/or intervention.

Content

- Analysis of the various proposals on theoretical and methodological guidelines in applied anthropology. Discussions on the various forms of intervention and its ethical implications.
- Specific training in social intervention in the areas of community, educational, socio, socio-environmental and social problems specific populations and intervention.
- Analysis of specific ethnographies that can offer guidance or models proposed in social interventions.

The module is divided into 6 thematic blocks.

Contents of the blocks:

Lifecycle and cultural practices: people, groups, stages

[Responsible lecturers: Dr. Bruna Álvarez and Dr. Diana Marre] (8 sessions, 16 hours)

- Construction of the lifecycle stages. Childhood, adolescence, youth and old age in anthropology.
- Person, Body, Family, Community and Society.
- 'Governability', 'discipline' and Rights.
- The social and economic value of different ages.
- Scientific disciplines, Application and intervention.

Anthropology applied to the field of space

[Responsible lecturer: Dr. Teresa Tapada] (7 sessions, 14 hours)

- Built environment concept: definition and applicability.
- Adaptation processes and socio-symbolic meanings of built and inhabited physical space: vernacular construction, sense of belonging, spatial identity and urban segregation.
- Reflections on the relationship between built space and local communities.
- Understanding of the tools and techniques that can allow us to apply this knowledge and analysis to different contexts.
- The possibilities and limits of interdisciplinarity: anthropology, architecture and urbanism.

The child and youth population affected by the migrations of globalization

[Responsible lecturer: Dr. Silvia Carrasco and Dr. Laia Narciso] (7 sessions, 14 hours)

- Adultcentrism and mobility regimes from a global, regional and local perspective
- From crisis to violence: minors, agency and care in the new family migration flows
- Unaccompanied minor boys and girls, stratification and perceptions of recipient societies
- Fleeing from conflict zones: refugee children and youth in the MENAT region and in Europe
- Comparative perspectives on migration and social integration (I)
- Comparative perspectives on migration and social integration (II)

Environment

[Responsible lecturer: Dr. Silvia Álvarez and Sílvia Gómez Mestres] (7 sessions, 14 hours)

- Conceptual clarification: concepts of sustainable and durable environment and development, the environment as a complex system, environmental rationality, relevance of the sociocultural field, plurimethodology for intervention, interdisciplinarity, action research.
- Models and instruments of intervention. Social actors, power relations, governance, participatory planning and social participation in environmental management.
- A critical view of environmental intervention programs in the case of Ecuador. Reappropriation of the public sphere to new dynamics of action through alternative policy instruments.

Female genital mutilation (FGM)

[Responsible lecturer: Dr. Adriana Kaplan] (7 sessions, 14 hours)

- Definition, context, geography, type and prevalence
- Life cycle and rites of passage. "Initiation without Mutilation"
- Debate between identity, health and human rights
- Methodological proposals for the prevention of FGM
- "Observatorio Transnacional de investigación aplicada a la transferencia del conocimiento para la prevención y atención de la MGF"
- Support to Primary Care points

Health

[Responsible lecturer: Dr. Lucía San Juan] (6 sessions, 12 hours)

- General concepts about health, health inequalities and anthropology of health.
- Factors involved in health care in intercultural contexts.
- Applied anthropological research in the field of health. Criticisms and proposals.
- Social health intervention. Criticisms and proposals

Anthropology of patrimonial interventions

[Responsible lecture: Dr. Jordi Castellví Girbau] (5 sessions, 10 hours)

- The processes of social construction of heritage.
- The patrimonial objects and the appropriations of meanings.
- The intervention in patrimony. Contexts and power relationships .

Methodology

The methodology is as follows:

- Lectures.
- Reading and analyses of papers / reports.
- Presentation or oral exposition of essays.
- Participation in complementary activities.
- Debates.
- Individual essay.

In the virtual campus, students have access to the whole documentation of each part of the course: teaching materials, programs, general bibliography and complementary information.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Lectures, activities in small groups	93.5	3.74	1, 4, 7, 10, 2
Type: Supervised			
Tutorial activities	93.5	3.74	9, 3, 8, 11, 2
Type: Autonomous			
Individual study, elaboration of essays. Reading and analyses of reports	187	7.48	1, 9, 5, 6, 10, 2

Assessment

This section of the Study Guide contains all information related to the process of evaluation of the module.

Assessment of the module:

In order to pass the module, the following aspects are taken into account:

- Regular assistance and participation: First, to ensure that the expected learning results are obtained, we consider it fundamental that students assist the classes and participate actively in them. For this reason, students are required to assist at least 80% of each course ("block"). Furthermore, the extent to which they participate in presentations, discussions, training sessions is evaluated. This participation is considered in the final note for each course.
- Continued assessment of the blocks: Second, each course or block proposes one or multiple activities that allow a continued assessment of the learning process. The activities can vary from a written test to a presentation in class, a review of a few articles or chapters, or a short essay, among others. Jointly, the evaluations for the different courses that make up the module (30%) and the participation in these courses (20%) constitute 50% of the final grade of the module. The deadlines for these activities are indicated by the lecturers.

Lifecycle and cultural practices: people, groups, stages: Elaboration of a case-study comment from one topic of the 1000-word block and an individual text of 2500 words maximum on 2 compulsory readings and 1 to choose.

Education: Critical comment about some of the required readings

Space: Review of some of the texts proposed in the literature

Environment: Reading and elaboration of a critical comment about two theoretical texts proposed in the literature

Female genital mutilation (FGM): Review of some of the texts proposed in the literature

Health: Review of some of the texts proposed in the literature

Anthropology of patrimonial intervention: Critical comment about one of the suggested readings.

- Evaluation of the final paper for the module: Last, the grade obtained on a final paper constitutes the remaining 50% of the grade. In the case of the modules that make up the specializations (in particular, E1.1, E1.2, E2.1, E2.2 and E3.1), each student selects the course that is of major interest for his or her master thesis, from the set of courses that make up the module. The evaluation will be based on this course. The evaluation can consist of a larger essay of approximately 3,000 / 4,000 words, possibly in the format of an article, a review of a state of the art of a specific theme, or a paper that addresses a specific issue in the discipline on the basis of readings recommended by the lecturer of the course that the student has chosen for evaluation. The deadline for the submission of the final paper is the 10th of February.

Lifecycle and cultural practices: people, groups, stages: 4,000 words- paper as a maximum based on the compulsory readings, recommended ones and suggestions made to the students according to their specific subject of research.

Education: Essay based on the compulsory and recommended readings that relate to some aspect of the ongoing research project.

Space: The students can take one of two options: (1) Analytical exposition about the spatial or architectural environment in the Master thesis project of the student. The student must observe the use and practices of space, map them, apply techniques of spatial analysis explained in the course and analyse the collected data; (2) Theoretical exposition of a chosen concept, author, or focus that is of interest for the student.

Environment: Essay on policies, plans or programs of action in this area based on the basis of the required and recommended readings.

Female genital mutilation (FGM): Essay on the treatment of FGM in the media.

Health: Elaboration of a health intervention based on the cases discussed during the class.

Anthropology of patrimonial intervention: Analysis of a case of intervention.

It is essential to respect the deadlines.

Each lecturer determines the way in which papers are to be submitted (through the *Campus Virtual*, by e-mail or in printed form, in the mailbox of the lecturer). The lecturers communicate the results of the evaluation through the established ways and establish a period of consultation before they communicate the grades to the coordinator of the module. The student can request a tutorial with their lecturers throughout the course if they wish to clarify some point of the contents of the course.

In general, not submitting the documents that are to be evaluated results in the qualification "Not assessable". In exceptional, well justified cases, the Committee of the Master Program may propose an alternative procedure for the evaluation.

General norms

Assessment is understood as a continued process throughout the term.

The qualifications are made on a scale from 0-10 with one decimal. To pass the subject, a minimum final grade of 5.0 is needed, as a result of the assessment procedure explained above. Once the subject is passed, it cannot be subjected to a new evaluation.

On carrying out each evaluation activity, lecturers will inform students of the procedures to be followed for reviewing all grades awarded, and the date on which such a review will take place.

The programming of assessment activities cannot be modified unless an exceptional and well justified reason exists for this, in which case a new program is proposed during the term.

When a student performs an irregularity that can lead to a significant variation of the qualification of an assessable activity, the activity will be qualified with a 0, independently of the disciplinary process that might follow. In the case that various irregularities in the assessable activities are performed within the same module, the qualification of the module will be 0.

Students will obtain a Not assessed/Not submitted course grade unless they have submitted more than 30% of the assessment items. The qualification "not assessable" in the final records of evaluation implies the exhaustion of rights inherent in the enrolment to the module, although the "not assessable" module will not figure in the academic transcript.

In the event of a student committing any irregularity that may lead to a significant variation in the grade awarded to an assessment activity, the student will be given a zero for this activity, regardless of any disciplinary process that may take place. In the event of several irregularities in assessment activities of the same subject, the student will be given a zero as the final grade for this subject. "Copying" a paper refers to a student reproducing the whole or part of a paper of another student. Plagiarism is presenting the whole or a part of the text of another author as if it were the student's own, without citing the references, on paper or digitally. Please see the documentation of the UAB about plagiarism on: http://wuster.uab.es/web_argumenta_obert/unit_20/sot_2_01.html.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Blocks assignments	30%	0	0	1, 9, 6, 11, 10, 2
Class attendance	20%	0	0	1, 3, 10
Individual essay	50%	1	0.04	1, 9, 4, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 10, 2

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Software

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