

Work Placement

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Degree	Type	Year
Anthropology: Advanced Research and Social Intervention	OT	0

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Teaching groups languages

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Prerequisites

To register for the course Pràctiques Externes/Prácticas Externas or Practicum, one must contact the Masters coordinator so that the profile of the student who requests to do an internship and the suitability of the internship in connection to the competences and the learning outcomes of the Masters programme can be evaluated.

This course is addressed, exclusively, to students enrolled in the module "E2 - Socio-cultural Intervention".

Objectives and Contextualisation

Students are expected to participate in a project of social intervention in an institution with which the university has an agreement. The primary goals of this training course are the development of abilities of social interaction with culturally diverse groups, empathic listening skills and inter-professional collaboration skills, combining in-person and online tasks.

Main goals:

- To put into practice the theoretical, methodological and technical knowledge acquired during the Master.
- To train students to elaborate proposals and actions of social intervention, in different fields and from the point of view of applied anthropology.
- To facilitate to students a field site for the elaboration of the Master thesis, if possible.
- To train students to show to entities the utility of anthropology for their specific work areas.

Specific goals:

- To train students to apply theoretical anthropological knowledge acquired during the Master both to the investigation of sociocultural problems and to the performance of actions of social intervention in real contexts
- To highlight the relevance of flexible and emergent investigation and intervention designs that are both methodologically and technically adapted to the populations and situations they are intended to address
- To equip students with the necessary competences for engaging adequately with different populations and with the different situations that can arise in research and social intervention
- To equip students with the necessary conceptual and practical tools to address the different situations of research and intervention in an ethical and intellectually critical way

- To equip students with the necessary competences to join multidisciplinary research and intervention teams
- To stimulate the acquisition of competences for the performance of professional activities in these fields and with these criteria
- To train students to show professionals of administrations, institutions and entities the utility of social and cultural anthropology in research and intervention in their specific work areas, with the previously mentioned criteria
- To show to students the need to present results of research and actions of social interventions in a way that is consistent with the methodological, technical and ethical bases of Applied Anthropology; with the demands and disciplinary baggage of the professionals of administrations, institutions and entities; with the needs and demands of the involved populations; and with the need to provide scientifically based information to the general population
- To train students to critically evaluate the results of actions of social intervention both for the involved populations and for the society in general.

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.
- Integrate knowledge and use it to make judgements in complex situations, with incomplete information, while keeping in mind social and ethical responsibilities.
- 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.
- Work in teams, generating synergies in work environments where different people need to collaborate and coordinate themselves.

Learning Outcomes

1. Apply knowledge of theory to the formulation of socially significant problems in professional practice in specific contexts.
2. Apply the knowledge acquired to problem-solving in new or unfamiliar intervention contexts of applied anthropology.
3. Collaborate with other professionals on social and cultural interaction programmes and cooperation and development programmes, making specific contributions in topics that involve cultural diversity.
4. Defend arguments clearly, precisely and appropriately within the context, and at the same time value the contributions made by other people.
5. Evaluate institutional documents in applied research in specific contexts.
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 important elements in institutional documents and/or scientific texts that help to formulate judgments and reflect on social and ethical responsibilities in anthropology.
8. Identify the interests of the population under study and, where possible, combine them with the wishes of those who are seeking collaboration.
9. Present conclusions and intervention proposals in the context of research
10. Recognise and anticipate the potential effects of social interventions.
11. Systematically link up concepts, and theories within the discipline that fit in with the specific ethnographic context of an intervention.

12. Work in coordination with other team members on the analysis of anthropological studies and on compiling and analysing ethnographic data.

Content

This course has a compulsory and training character and is scheduled in the second semester of the academic year.

Students will temporarily join a real work team within a previously selected organization or institution. In this way, the course aims to facilitate the application of acquired knowledge to the professional intervention in a particular social and cultural context, and simultaneously it intends to stimulate critical reflections about the social application of anthropological knowledge, about ethics in research and social intervention, and about the professionalization of Anthropology.

The coordinator of the module will assign each student to a center or training place on the basis of the recommendations of the academic tutor, the interests of the student and the options that are available during the course in each area.

The student will join the activities of this team, developing specific research or intervention tasks previously agreed upon. Through this set of activities the student can put into practice the knowledge acquired during the Master and, moreover, contributing to the team the point of view of the anthropology with respect to the problems or situations the team is working on.

The dates and times of the training are established according to the agenda of the students and the entity where the training is performed.

Each student will have both a professional tutor assigned by the center and an academic tutor at the Department. Both will ensure that the training proceeds adequately and that the goals and commitments on behalf of the student, the collaborating entity and the UAB are fulfilled.

Each student will elaborate a report addressed to the institution or organization, which he or she will deliver at the end of the training period.

Activities and Methodology

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Supervised			
Tutorial activities, individual or/and in small groups	15	0.6	9, 4
Type: Autonomous			
Practicum in-company. Development of a practicum report. Review of literature and documents of interest	135	5.4	2, 1, 5, 3, 9, 4, 7, 6, 8, 12, 10, 11

The methodology of the subject involves some activities:

- Tutorials, individually and/or in small groups: 15 hours
- Practicum in entity: 90 hours.
- Individual work: 45 hours.

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.

Assessment

Continuous Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Assesment by the tutor assigned by the institution	25%	0	0	1, 3, 9, 7, 8, 12, 10
Assessment report about the practicum	25%	0	0	1, 3, 9
Classroom attendance and tutorial sessions	10%	0	0	9, 4
Report	40%	0	0	2, 1, 5, 3, 9, 4, 7, 6, 8, 12, 10, 11

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

Assessment of the module:

The course "External Work Experience" is compulsory.

The final grade is based on the following criteria:

1. Report of the performed work: 40%.

The report will be submitted within 15 days after having finished the training period.

The report must contain:

- Description of the institution where the practicum has taken place.
- Detailed description of the work done during the practicum.
- List of recommendations supported by both theoretical and empirical arguments.

2. Administrative assessment report about the practicum: 25%

The report must contain:

- Evaluation of the adequacy of knowledge and skills acquired during the Master for the development of the practicum.
- Assessment of knowledge and skills acquired during the practicum.
- Description of constraints, incidents and problems encountered during the practicum and the developed strategies to address them.
- Final evaluation of the practicum and suggestions.

3. Assessment of the professional tutor assigned by the organization: 25%

4. Attendance to tutorial sessions: 10%

The final deadline for the submission of the report is one week before the official deadline for submitting the grades. It is essential to respect the deadline.

General criteria

Assessment is understood as a continued process throughout the term.

The qualifications are made on a scale from 0-10 with onedecimal. 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.

No Matrícula d'Honor grade is awarded due to the optional nature of this grade and the heterogeneity of this subject in the different degrees taught in the Faculty. The course Pràctiques Externes cannot be reassessed in the event that the student fails.

On carrying out each evaluation activity, lecturers will inform students (on Moodle) 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 lective term. 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.

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.

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.

This subject/module does not incorporate singleassessment.

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Software

There is not specific software except word processor and Mendely or other reference manager.

Groups and Languages

Please note that this information is provisional until 30 November 2025. You can check it through this [link](#). To consult the language you will need to enter the CODE of the subject.

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(PEXTm) Pràctiques externes i pràcticum (màster)	1	Catalan/Spanish	second semester	afternoon