

The Institute of Ethnology offers

- a well equipped library with hard copies of all the major anthropological journals
- wireless-LAN reception
- XEROX facilities/scan-to-mail
- kitchen and lounge
- film equipment
- nearby shops and students' restaurants



MÜNSTER CITY

Münster is an ideal place for study and research. It hosts one of Germany's largest Universities offering a wide range of academic facilities. It is also a green city with many parks and tree-lined avenues, making any place in the city easy to reach by bike. Münster has an exciting cultural and social life, offering a variety of theatre performances, museums, live concerts, clubs and cinemas.

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CONDITIONS OF ADMITTANCE

- Applicants must hold a Bachelor or equivalent degree, obtained in a Bachelor course of at least 6 semesters in Social or Cultural Anthropology, or in a discipline containing a major social anthropological component.
- A good command of English is required!
- Application deadlines vary for European/Non-European citizens, please confirm at <http://www.uni-muenster.de/Ethnologie/studieren/master/index.html>

Start: every year in April and October
Language of instruction: English (non-obligatory courses may be taught in German)

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English Master's Programme SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY



- Starts summer and winter terms



PROFILE

Social Anthropology is the science of cultural identities and differences. It aims to observe, analyse and interpret domains of social action that reflect such cultural characteristics in a theoretically grounded and methodically consistent manner.

The comparison of societies therefore provides the basic theoretical perspective and informs the analytical and methodological approaches. Social anthropological knowledge and competence enable one to interact in these domains of action in a scientifically valid, socially relevant and ethically responsible manner.

This Master's Programme transfers knowledge of the theories and current research issues of Social Anthropology, to be applied and further developed in the course of an empirical research project.



General Courses	Regional Specializations
Module 1 Cultural Foundations of Sociality <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theories of Social Anthropology (lecture series)• Social Structure (seminar) One seminar selected from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research Themes in Social Anthropology• Social Anthropology and Psychiatry (I)	Module 2 Regional Specialization (I)^\wedge Two seminars selected from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Anthropology of Southeast Asia• Social Anthropology of Southern Asia• Social Anthropology of additional regions• Social Anthropology of Transregional Spaces Course in a non-European language of choice°
Module 3 Research Methods/ Intercultural Interactions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trans-local relations (lecture series)• Research methods (seminar) One seminar selected from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research themes in Intercultural Communication• Social Anthropology and Psychiatry (II)• Visual Anthropology (I)	Module 4 Regional Specialization (II)^\wedge Two seminars selected from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Anthropology of Southeast Asia• Social Anthropology of Southern Asia• Social Anthropology of additional regions• Social Anthropology of Transregional Spaces Course in a non-European language of choice (consecutive)°
Empirical Research	
Module 5 • Workshops: Design, Methods and Techniques of Empirical Research • Seminar: Visual Anthropology (II), Empirical Research (12-18 weeks)	Module 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exam Colloquium• Writing Master's Thesis

° If the student has already acquired expertise in a non-European language s/he may choose a 3rd regional seminar for each module

^\wedge Institute of Ethnology co-operates with other disciplines at the University of Münster which have a regional focus (e.g. Sinology, Arabic and Islamic Studies, History, European Anthropology). In each of the modules one seminar may be selected from the curricula offered in such affiliated disciplines.

ACQUIRED COMPETENCE

- intercultural communicative competence based on a perceptive awareness of cultural identities and differences
- methodological skills in designing and implementing empirical research projects
- ability to contribute to innovative developments in social anthropological theory and knowledge
- competence to transfer social anthropological knowledge in a socially relevant and ethically responsible manner to both scholarly audiences and the general public
- skills in orientation, decision-making and informed action in culturally unfamiliar social situations

RESEARCH

The Master's Programme favours conducting an empirical, self-organized research in Germany or abroad. The data collected provide the empirical basis for the Master's Thesis. Research may be a field study (employing standard techniques such as participant observation, interviews, audio-visual recording) or museum or archival research. International agreements concluded by Münster University facilitate such researches in various European and non-European countries.

A 'Master's Thesis' of between 75 and 100 pages is to be written in six months time on the subject studied in the empirical research. In a 'Master's Thesis Colloquium' additional skills relevant for pursuing academic careers (such as conference participation, academic publishing) are developed.

