**Fieldwork and Field Report**

*This course and its exam are linked to a variety of general rules. For information about these rules, please read the Curriculum for the Master of MSc and People-Centred Business*

| Course content | The MSc programme in Anthropology and People-Centred Business culminates in the fieldwork project, which will be the basis of the student’s Master’s Thesis. The fieldwork project is planned and carried out independently by student, according to the guidelines specified in the Fieldwork Synopsis. Fieldwork can take place in a variety of socio-cultural contexts but must be relevant to the Anthropology of Business. Students can freely choose the location and specific theme for their fieldwork but their choice must be approved by one of the teachers responsible for Anthropology and People-Centred Business. Apart from this, their choice is only limited by research-ethical and safety conditions. The Fieldwork can be executed individually or in small groups. It can be a part of a larger research project or take the form of a project-oriented work (internship). The fieldwork must last between 16 and 18 weeks and within this period the Field Report must be submitted (approx. 2 weeks after concluding research). The Board of Studies sets a date in each semester for the submission of the Field Report. The Field Report cannot be submitted after this deadline. The fieldwork counts as a course for which the student must register. During Fieldwork, students must gather data using anthropological methods. Relevant material must also be collated for the purpose of contextualising the main body of data collated. When the fieldwork is executed within the context of a private business or organisation, a contract must be drawn up and signed by the student, the organisation and the Department of Anthropology. The student signs the contract in cooperation with the Fieldwork coordinator. This contract ensures the student's right to generate data while carrying out Project-oriented work (internship) or Fieldwork, sets down guidelines for the use and publication of data, and outlines procedures that are to be followed should disagreements arise between the student and the company/organisation. The contract must be approved and signed by the relevant parties and must as far as possible be handed in as an appendix to the synopsis. Students can find a standard agreement for cooperation with 3rd parties on the department’s homepage. |
| Description of aims | Halfway Field Report  
Halfway through the fieldwork, the students must write an academic report, demonstrating clear language and argumentation. The report should exhibit that the student is capable of:  
• accounting for the fieldwork's purpose, locality, context and processes, as well as the reasons behind any changes to the research |
problem statement.

• reflecting critically upon the analytical approach as presented in the synopsis. When seen in relation to the lived world as experienced during the first part of fieldwork (does the analytical framework still appear relevant? If so, is there data which requires that the approach is slightly altered and how? If not which analytical framework might then be relevant and why?)

Field Report

Upon completing Fieldwork, the students must write an academic Field report. The Field report should be written in a clear language, be lucidly argued and exhibit that the student is capable of:

• conducting anthropological Fieldwork based on a problem statement posed by the student
• reflecting critically upon their role as a field anthropologist
• using and reflecting upon a broad spectrum of anthropological methods, particularly core anthropological methods, such as participant observation and varying forms of interview
• reflecting critically upon the implications of the methodological choices made and their relevance to analytical objectives and the empirical context
• identifying, justifying and presenting analytical perspectives in the empirical material
• reflecting upon ethical questions concerning the fieldwork.

Students must also fulfil the Department of Anthropology’s form and language requirements (see the curriculum 4.3.2 for more about form and language requirements).

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| Examination   | Written paper: Field Report
The Field Report is submitted individually unless students have executed Fieldwork as a group. Read more about the rules for group examinations in the curriculum 4.3.1.

In order to be eligible to submit the Field Report, students must have their Halfway Report approved.
Length og Halfway report: 12,000 keystrokes +/- 10% for an individual reports. For group reports, 3,000 keystrokes +/- 10% per extra group member.
The Half-way report will be evaluated on the basis of the aims for the report
(see description of aims). See also the contents listed below (see requirements for the examination).

Length of Field Report: 30,000 keystrokes +/- 10 % for an individual reports. For group reports, 7,000 keystrokes +/- 10 % per extra group member.

The Field Report will be evaluated on the basis of the aims for the course (see description of aims). See also Field Report contents listed below (see requirements for the examination).

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**Requirements for the examination**

**Halfway Field Report**
Field report I is handed in halfway through the fieldwork. It must include a brief overview of the fieldwork's purpose, as well as any reformulation in relation to the synopsis, the area's socio-cultural composition and a detailed plan of the last part of the fieldwork.

It must include:
- a brief account of the original research problem statement (from the synopsis), as well as any reformulation, including the reasons for the revision
- details of the geographic and social localisation of the research project, including relevant socio-cultural conditions
- a discussion of gatekeepers and key informants in the field
- a detailed plan of the last part of the fieldwork specifying what the student wants to focus on the last 8 weeks of fieldwork

**Field Report**
The Field Report is submitted upon concluding Fieldwork. It must include a discussion of the fieldwork process, the methods used and the scope of the collected data. It must include:

- a brief account of the original research statement (from the synopsis), as well as any reformulations, including the reasons for the revision
- a brief account of the fieldwork's practical process, followed by a discussion of the choice of methods. This discussion must relate to the research statement and discuss any methodological challenges such as and including the advantages and disadvantages of the methods used, the need for interpreters, an evaluation of data in terms of its reliability, and the effect of the anthropologist's presence in the chosen field.
- a discussion of ethical challenges
- a presentation of the scope and the type of empirical material, as
well as an evaluation of possible analytical perspectives relevant to
the research statement, and an assessment of the material's
limitations.

| Re-examination | 1st Re-examination both Halfway Field report and Field Report:
A new field report is submitted at the announced date. The student must participate in the examination in order to be eligible for re-examination. The student must register for the re-examination.
2nd Re-examination both Halfway Field report and Field Report:
A new field report is submitted at the next exam period on a prescribed date. The student must register for the exam. |

| Special requirements | Students must pass the course Field Methods with Synopsis, Anthropology and People-Centred Business I and Contemporary Anthropology before they can commence Fieldwork and submit their Field Report. |