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SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY PROGRAMME
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WHAT IS SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY?

In its broadest sense, Social Anthropology is the study of what it means to be human. Social Anthropologists seek to describe and understand the huge cultural variation in forms of human existence, and the ways in which these change over time. Social anthropology is critical, comparative and reflexive. It is a foundation discipline within the social sciences and addresses the broadest possible range of social and cultural diversity.

WHAT DO SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGISTS STUDY?

Social Anthropologists study what it means to be human in all cultures and societies around the world. We are interested in social and cultural formations in a great variety of settings - from urban to rural, tribal communities to large, industrialized societies - both near and far from 'home' (wherever that may be). The range of topics studied is immense and includes politics, globalisation, inequality, cultures of resistance, human-environmental relations, visual culture, systems of healing, human rights, the creation of national identities, food, gender and sexuality, work, ritual and religion, among others.

One of Social Anthropology's distinctive features is its main research method of participant-observation. Social Anthropologists become intimately involved in the lives of people they work with over an extended period of time through ethnographic fieldwork.



POSSIBLE PROGRAMME OF STUDY

To complete a BA you need 360 credits (i.e. 24 papers). A major in Social Anthropology consists of 135 credits including 146.101; at least 30 credits at 200-level, including 146.213; and at least 60 credits at 300-level, including 146.303. The major must include at least 105 credits from 146-prefix papers.

You can also complete a minor in Social Anthropology which comprises 75 credits. At least 45 credits must be above 100-level, with at least 15 credits at 300-level. The minor must include at least 60 credits from 146-prefix papers.

Your course of study might look like this:

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
146.101 Introductory Social Anthropology	146.213 Anthropological Enquiry	146.303 Practice of Fieldwork
e.g. 146.102 Endangered Cultures	146.208 Political Anthropology	146.302 Regional Ethnography
e.g. 176.101 Introductory Sociology	146.209 Food and Eating	146.304 Culture, Biology and Racism
e.g. 200.161 Introduction to Politics	146.210 Ritual and Belief	146.315 Visual Anthropology
e.g. 176.102 New Zealand Society	146.211 Systems of Healing	146.311 Medical Systems of China, India and the West
e.g. 200.162 Politics and Public Policy in New Zealand	146.214 Politics of Culture	230.392 Anthropology and Development
e.g. 172.132 Language and Culture	200.203 Human Rights in a Global Context	146.318 Environmental Anthropology
e.g. 230.121 Future State	e.g. 150.201 Treaty of Waitangi	200.302 Israel/Palentine and the Arab World

- You must take these papers
- You must take at least 3 of these papers.
- You must take at least 2 of these papers (but may take more)
- These are examples of your elective papers.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY SHOULD I STUDY SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY AT MASSEY UNIVERSITY?

Because you will be taught by enthusiastic academics who are deeply committed to the teaching and study of Social Anthropology. You will be a member of a close-knit Social Anthropology programme in which you will have regular and close contact with teaching staff.

WILL IT GET ME A JOB?

Yes. Students who have taken our Social Anthropology papers are now employed in a wide variety of jobs in the public and private sectors as social researchers, teachers, in immigration and migrant services, and in diverse careers where understanding cultural diversity is an asset.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE ME?

If you study full-time you can complete your Bachelor's degree in Social Anthropology in three years. If you study part-time, it will take longer.

WHAT ARE MY STUDY OPTIONS?

You can study internally at Massey's Palmerston North or Albany campus, or you can study by distance mode from anywhere in New Zealand (or the world!).

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

You can calculate your fees on the website at:

www.massey.ac.nz/massey/admission/fees/study-costs

CAN I COMBINE SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY WITH OTHER SUBJECTS?

Yes. You can combine your major in Social Anthropology with either a second major, or a minor in subjects like Politics, Sociology, Linguistics, Media Studies, History or Psychology.

HOW DO I ENROL?

Phone 0800 MASSEY and ask for an enrolment pack, or enrol online at www.massey.ac.nz/massey/admission/enrolment

I DON'T THINK I TOOK THE RIGHT SUBJECTS AT SCHOOL

We don't mind what subjects you took at school. If you're interested in Social Anthropology, we're interested in you!

CAN I DO POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT MASSEY?

Yes. We offer a full suite of postgraduate courses, from BA Honours right through to a PhD programme.