ANTH4150 Ethnography in Practice. Spring 2025

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Reflection papers and oral presentations guidelines

Form and content

The exam for this course is a **reflection paper of 2,500 words** – submitted to Inspera – **and an oral presentation of the completed ethnography project** for the class and representatives from the department.

The paper consists of a reflection/report on the projects you have done for the Department of Social Anthropology at UIO. While the work has partly been done in groups, your papers are **individual submissions.** The paper should outline the project task, the methodology you used and your main findings. You are also invited to reflect on what you have learned about applied anthropology during the course.

Within this very broad framework, there is considerable scope for flexibility. You may, for example, use the reflection paper to hone your skills in formulating what anthropological knowledge is useful for in different fields of practice; how ethnographic methods can be applied in non-academic contexts; or how anthropological theory can shed light on real-world problems in way that enable action and intervention. You may of course also write about the ethical dilemmas that accompany different forms of applied anthropology, and about how anthropologist practitioners may navigate such dilemmas.

Requirements

- The focus is on ethnography in practice. The paper should fall within the scope of this course as described on the course webpage, in other words.
- Since the reflection paper counts as the exam, you must use the curriculum. You are also expected to use the 200 pages of the curriculum that you have chosen, in your reflection paper. You must submit a list detailing the 200 pages that you have selected when you submit the exam. The requirement for the paper itself is a minimum of three references (including the chosen curriculum).

Submission of reflection paper

- March 12 at 2:00 PM
- Pass/fail

Presentations

The last session of the course, 26 February, will be dedicated to obligatory presentations of the group work and your findings. Hege will involve representatives from the department and will get back to you with the details as soon as we have this set up.

You should all prepare for short presentations (10-15 min per group) together in groups and focus on clear, well-communicated results and main findings. Think of this as a good test in the kinds of communication you are often expected to manage in any work setting.

For instance: If your group has looked at the teaching of anthropology in high schools, your presentation could quickly take us through the methodology (observations, interviews, other?) and then move on to present your main findings and possible suggestions for further work on this area. You can use Power Point and other media.