Guidelines for examiners – ANTH470 Internship (spring 2024)

About the course:

ANTH4710 – Internship offers an opportunity for students who want to broaden their portfolio to acquire practical work experience in relevant institutions. We encourage students to look for work at an institution that will also be relevant for their work on their master's thesis. This may include being involved in day-to-day activities of the chosen institution; undertaking organizational tasks; preparing data; and more. The scope of the work must be equivalent to six weeks of full-time studies. Prior to commencing the internship, contracts are signed between the Department of Social Anthropology and the host institution, and between the student and the host institution, specifying, among other things, the tasks that are to be carried out. Upon completion of the internship, the student should have had the opportunity to apply anthropological skills in a real work environment. This should lead to an enhanced understanding of how their largely theoretical competence acquired through academic study can be applied in other contexts.

About the teaching of the course:

This course offers no regular classes. All learning takes place through the internship and in the context of the host institution. The role of the course convener is limited to providing information, liaising with students and host institutions about the practicalities of the internship, ensuring that contracts are signed in due time, and following up students during their internship to the extent that this is needed.

About the exam:

The exam is a report of 6 to 8 pages. The report should cover the following two aspects:

- A detailed description of the tasks performed during the internship.
- A discussion on the practical use of the anthropological theories and perspectives studied during the master's programme as well as the extent of their applicability during the internship.

The report is assessed on a pass/fail basis. In order to pass, the report must contain a satisfactory empirical description of the tasks carried out during the internship. It must also include a set of acceptable reflections on the relevance (or lack thereof) of knowledge and skills acquired in the master's programme so far, in the workplace. This should ideally be done with reference to relevant readings from other courses in the master's programme, but significant shortcomings in this regard are acceptable.