



SCHOOL OF GLOBAL STUDIES

SFGS377 Ethnographic Writing, 7.5 credits

Etnografiskt skrivande, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Third-cycle level / Forskarnivå

Confirmation

This syllabus was confirmed by the Department of Global Studies on 2019-10-03, and is valid from Autumn semester 2016.

Responsible Department

School of Global Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences

Entry requirements

General entrance requirements for studies in the third cycle.

Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course the student will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- identify and discuss various ethnographic writing strategies;

Competence and skills

- write coherent and persuasive ethnographic texts;
- critically comment ethnographic texts;

Judgement and approach

- compare and assess different genres of ethnographic writing.

Course content

The course gives the doctoral student knowledge about how to use empirical data to substantiate an argument in their ethnographic writing. Stress is put upon the relationship between ethnographic material (e.g. field notes), analysis and argumentation and how

ethnographic text is built upon data, references and quotations. In this way, the course develops the student's writing process and trains the student to read and critique ethnographic texts. The course also problematizes concepts such as subjectivity and positioning, and how ethnography may be presented and linked to theory and method. The course examines how quotations and tone in the ethnographic text and literary strategies, such as the ethnographic present, may be used to establish the author's authority and the validity of the analysis.

Types of instruction

The course is taught through lectures, seminars and individual work. It may also be offered as a reading course comprising independent study with teaching taking the form of discussion and supervision.

Language of instruction

The course is given in Swedish but can be given in English if necessary.

Grades

The grade Pass (G) or Fail (U) is given in this course.

Types of assessment

The course is examined both orally and in writing. Written examination takes the form of assignments according to the teacher's instruction.

If a student, who has failed the same examined component twice, wishes to change examiner before the next examination, a written application shall be sent to the department responsible for the course and shall be granted unless there are special reasons to the contrary.

In cases where a course has been discontinued or has undergone major changes, the student shall normally be guaranteed at least three examination occasions (including the ordinary examination) during a period of at least one year from the last time the course was given.

To be awarded a Pass grade for the course requires that all parts of the examination meet the criteria for a Pass grade. When the course is given in the form of seminars, attendance in 2/3 of the scheduled seminars is required for a Pass grade.

Course evaluation

The course ends with a written evaluation.