

Anthropology

Essentials

Taught programmes

MA degrees

Anthropology
Anthropology of Development and
Social Transformation

MSc degree

Social Research Methods (for details, refer to
page 14)

Research programmes

MPhil, PhD Social Anthropology

Admissions requirements

For information on overseas qualifications that
meet the admissions requirements, refer to
pages 156-157

MA

A first- or upper second-class undergraduate
honours degree in anthropology or another
relevant subject area

MSc

A first- or upper second-class undergraduate
honours degree in a relevant social sciences
subject, but applicants with other backgrounds
may be considered. Applicants should submit
an outline (two to three pages) of their
research interests and state how studying
for the MSc will help develop those interests,
possibly for further research

MPhil

A first- or upper second-class undergraduate
honours degree in anthropology or a related
discipline, but applicants from other
backgrounds may be considered. Applicants
should submit an outline (two to three pages)
of their research interests

PhD

A Masters degree in anthropology, although
those with a degree in a closely related
discipline may also be considered. Applicants
should submit an outline research proposal
(two to three pages) indicating the nature,
ambitions and primary questions of the
research project

English language requirements

IELTS 6.5, with not less than 6.5 in Writing
and 6.0 in the other sections. Internet TOEFL
with 92 overall, with 21 in Listening, 22 in
Reading, 24 in Speaking and 25 in Writing.
For more information and alternative English
language requirements, refer to page 156

Fees

Refer to pages 158-159 for information
on fees

Further information

Taught programmes

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- Anthropology at Sussex is the largest UK department that focuses solely on social anthropology, and ranked in the top 5 social anthropology departments in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE). 90 per cent of our research was rated as recognised internationally or higher, with over half rated as internationally excellent or higher, and one-quarter rated as world leading.
- Sussex is ranked in the top 15 universities in the UK for anthropology in *The Times Good University Guide 2012*, *The Complete University Guide 2011-12* and *The Guardian University Guide 2012*.
- We have developed a strong tradition of socially and politically engaged anthropology that focuses on real-world issues. Our research and teaching programmes reflect this engaged stance.
- We have particular research expertise in sub-Saharan Africa, Europe and South Asia, and also cover Latin America, the Caribbean, Amazonia, South East Asia and China. Our key research themes are development, migration, religion, rights citizenship and conflict, and science technology and policy.
- The Department is located within the School of Global Studies, which brings together anthropology, development studies, geography, and international relations. The School houses a number of interdisciplinary research centres.
- Our faculty have undertaken consultancy and commissioned work in a range of fields, including immigration and asylum, international development, museums and heritage. Many of our graduates find employment in these fields, within which we have very strong international networks.

Taught programmes

Career opportunities

Our graduates have gone on to work in social research, international development NGOs and international aid agencies.

MA in Anthropology

1 year full time/2 years part time

This MA focuses on dealing with contemporary real-life issues such as social and economic transformation, and the politics of race, religion, rights and citizenship.

The programme may act as an introduction to anthropology for people coming from other disciplines. Alternatively, its combination of core courses and options enables those with a first degree in anthropology to branch out into interdisciplinary areas such as gender studies, human rights, medical anthropology, or migration studies.

Programme structure

Autumn term: you are provided with a foundation in the discipline, taking Anthropology and Ethnography • Understanding Processes of Social Change.

Spring term: you are given the chance to adapt the programme more to your interests. You take Ethnographic Methods, plus two from Activism for Development and Social Justice

- Anthropology of Childhood • Anthropology of Reconciliation and Reconstruction • Critical Debates in Environment and Development
- Cultural Understandings of Health and Healing
- Embodiment and the Institutionalisation of Violence, Conflict and Conciliation • Ethics and Engagement in the Global Economy
- Globalisation and Rural Change • Knowledge, Power and Resistance • Migration, Inequality and Social Change • Poverty, Marginality and Everyday Lives • Refugees and Development
- The Architecture of Aid • Transnational Migration and Diaspora. Options may vary.

Summer term and vacation: you undertake supervised work on your dissertation.

Assessment

Courses are assessed by a 5,000-word term paper, except for Anthropology and Ethnography, which is assessed through two 2,000-word book reviews, and Ethnographic Methods, which is assessed by presentation. The dissertation is 10,000 words.

MA in Anthropology of Development and Social Transformation

1 year full time/2 years part time

Concerned with the anthropological study of the complex economic, political and cultural processes of social transformation in the developing world, this MA provides an entry into the anthropology of development and will be of interest to those with experience, or considering a career, in the development field.

Programme structure

Autumn term: Anthropologists and Development • Understanding Processes of Social Change.

Spring term: you take two from the spring-term courses listed above for the MA in Anthropology. In addition, you take one research skills course from Ethnographic Methods (spring) • Methods for Development (summer) • Techniques in Campaigning, Advocacy and Activism (summer).

Summer term and vacation: you undertake supervised work on your dissertation.

Assessment

Each course in the autumn and spring terms is assessed by a 5,000-word term paper. Ethnographic Methods and Methods in Development are assessed by presentation or by practice critique. In the summer term and vacation, you write a 10,000-word dissertation.

**MSc in Social Research Methods
1 year full time/2 years part time**

Refer to Routes to postgraduate study at Sussex on page 14 for more information about this programme, including structure and assessment.

Research programmes

We welcome enquiries from students wishing to undertake research in any areas of faculty interest. Anthropologists at Sussex also provide interdisciplinary doctoral supervision in subject areas such as contemporary European studies, development studies, and migration studies.

All research students are required to complete an appropriate programme of research methods training. This may involve enrolling on the MSc in Social Research Methods – a stand-alone Masters programme (for details, refer to page 14) – before proceeding to the PhD. This is known as a 1+3 programme.

Students who have already completed a programme of research methods training can apply for the three-year doctoral programme leading to a PhD. Refer to Postgraduate study at Sussex on pages 14-15.

Coursework and supervision

Whether you start the three-year PhD or the 1+3 MSc/PhD programme, you will normally be required to complete some research methods training courses and possibly some specialist thematic courses drawn from the MA programmes.

All students are allocated two academic supervisors with whom they work for the duration of their research programme. These are allocated according to their regional and thematic expertise, to provide a complementary match with your research.

Fieldwork

Research degrees usually involve fieldwork away from Sussex during the second year of the PhD. Supervision continues during fieldwork, while you gather data to be written up in the final year. Students on the 1+3 programme can normally go to the field by the middle of their second year.

Recent thesis titles

Decentralized network democracy: prefiguring horizontality and diversity in the alterglobalization movement

Embracing trauma: youth, human rights and political engagement in 'post-war' Guatemala

'Hak verilmez, alinir' (rights are not granted, they are taken): the politicization of rights in the case of the Muslim-Turkish minority in Greece

Knowledge, identity, place and (cyber)space: growing up male and middle class in Bangalore

Land restitution in District Six, Cape Town: 'community', citizenship, and social exclusion

Producing beauty: the social politics of mass production at a special economic zone in South India

Things falls apart?: a political ecology of 20th-century forest management in Edo State, Southern Nigeria

Career opportunities

Many of our graduates find employment in the fields of immigration and asylum, international development, museums and heritage.

Faculty research interests

There is a close academic collaboration between Anthropology, other schools and departments, and interdisciplinary research centres at Sussex. We have particularly strong links with the Department of History, the School of Media, Film and Music, and the Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS).

Our faculty and students are members of the Centre for Colonial and Postcolonial Studies, the Centre for World Environmental History, the Justice and Violence Research Centre, the Sussex Centre for Cultural Studies, and the Sussex Centre for Migration Research.

Research interests are briefly described below. For more detailed information, visit

www.sussex.ac.uk/anthropology/people

Professor Andrea Cornwall Participation; development; gender; sexuality; citizenship.

Professor Jane Cowan Greece; southern Balkans; nationalism, memory and identity; conceptualising and administering 'difference' in Balkan contexts; culture and rights.

Dimitris Dalakoglou Albania, Greece, the Balkans; migration; social and political protest movements. Editor of (with A Vradis) *Between a Present Yet to Go and a Future Yet to Come: Revolt and Crisis in Greece* (2011).

Geert De Neve India, Tamilnadu; informal labour; caste and kinship; industrialisation; globalisation.

Nigel Eltringham Human rights, conflict, genocide and the Great Lakes region of Africa.

Professor James Fairhead Africa south of the Sahara, UK; agriculture and ecology.

Anne-Meike Fechter Indonesia, South East Asia; corporate expatriates, transnationalism, development practitioners.

Professor Katy Gardner Bangladesh, UK; anthropology of migration and development. Currently researching the social consequences of mining development in Bangladesh.

Elizabeth Harrison Sub-Saharan Africa, UK; anthropology of local and international development; ageing and the social consequences of economic recession.

Raminder Kaur India, UK; politics and popular culture; nationalism; diaspora; nuclear issues.

Pamela Kea Gambia, West Africa; globalisation, child labour and education; gender; migration.



Evan Killick Amazonia, Peru, Brazil; anthropology of development and natural resource extraction; the social and economic consequences of the timber trade.

Mark Leopold Uganda, Sudan; violence, peacemaking and memory, conflict.

Peter Luetchford Costa Rica, Spain; the economics and morality of fair trade production; alternative food chains. Author of *Fair Trade and the Global Economy* (2008).

Jon P Mitchell Malta; history, memory, politics and national identity; religion and belief.

Filippo Osella Kerala, South India; migration and globalisation; masculinity; consumption.

Rebecca Prentice Trinidad, UK; work and industrial relations. Author of 'Looping the value chain: designer copies in a brand-name garment factory' in *Research in Economic Anthropology* (2008).

Dinah Rajak South Africa, UK; the relationship between the state, business and civil society. Author of 'Uplift and Empower: The Market, The Gift and Corporate Social Responsibility on South Africa's Platinum Belt', in *Research in Economic Anthropology* (2008).

Margaret Sleeboom-Faulkner China, Japan; genomics, biobanking practices, genetic testing and population policy-making, stem-cell research in Asian societies.

Maya Unnithan India, Rajasthan; fertility and reproductive health; medical anthropology.

