

Subject card

Subject name and code	Theories in anthropology, PG_00200967						
Field of study	Ethnology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject			2026/2027		
Education level	Master's studies	Subject group			Obligatory subject group in the field of study Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study		
Mode of study	full-time studies	Mode of delivery			at the university		
Year of study	1	Language of instruction			Polish		
Semester of study	1	ECTS credits			4.0		
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form			exam		
Conducting unit	Division of New World Anthropology and Ethnic Studies -> Institute of Anthropology -> Faculty of History -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Tarzycjusz Buliński				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	30		10.0		60.0	100
Subject objectives	<p>1. To familiarize with the most important theoretical orientations in ethnology and cultural anthropology.</p> <p>2. To situate ethnology and cultural anthropology on the theoretical map of the humanities and social sciences.</p> <p>3. To deepen the skills of synthesis and analysis and application of theoretical tools</p>						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[ETNOMU2_W05] Has an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the major trends in the development of cultural and religious studies within the field of ethnology, as well as their significance in explaining the fundamental dilemmas of modern civilization	K_W05 Has in-depth knowledge of the main developments and major new developments in anthropological theories	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ETNOMU2_U05] Has the ability to integrate knowledge in the field of ethnology and cultural anthropology, and to apply it in non-typical professional situations	K_U05 Has the ability to integrate knowledge of theory in anthropology and its applications in unusual professional situations	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[ETNOMU2_K01] Critically evaluates acquired knowledge, personal and social competences; is prepared to critically evaluate information received	K_K01 Critically evaluates one's knowledge, personal and social competences; is ready to critically evaluate received information in the field of anthropological theories	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[ETNOMU2_W04] Has in-depth knowledge of the relationship between ethnology and cultural anthropology and other humanities and social sciences, allowing for the integration of perspectives relevant to several scientific disciplines	K_W04 Has in-depth knowledge of the relationship of anthropological theories with other humanities and social sciences, allowing the integration of perspectives appropriate to several scientific disciplines.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ETNOMU2_W01] Has in-depth knowledge of the specific subject matter and methodology of ethnology and cultural anthropology, which they are able to develop and creatively apply in professional activity	K_W01 Has in-depth knowledge of the theoretical specifics of ethnology and cultural anthropology, which he is able to develop and creatively apply in professional activity	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ETNOMU2_U06] Is able to carry out a critical analysis and interpretation of various types of cultural products, applying original approaches, taking into account new developments in the humanities in order to determine their meanings, social impact, place in the historical-cultural process	K_U06 Be able to carry out critical analysis and interpretation of different types of theory in anthropology	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
[ETNOMU2_U07] Has the ability to argue substantively using their own views and those of other authors, to formulate conclusions and produce synthetic summaries	K_U07 Has the ability to argue substantively using his own views and the views of other authors, formulate conclusions and create synthetic summaries in the field of theory in anthropology	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion	
Subject contents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Map of paradigms and theoretical orientations in anthropology 2. Genetic, functional and structural explanation in anthropological theories 3. Evolutionism in anthropology I : from classical evolutionism to neo-evolutionism 4. Evolutionism in anthropology II : from cultural ecology to cultural materialism 5. Mentalism in anthropology : from structuralism to cognitive anthropology 6. Sociologism in anthropology: from Durkheim to Bourdieu's theory of practice 7. Hermeneutism in anthropology I: from Franz Boas to Victor Turner 8. Hermeneutism in anthropology II: interpretive anthropology by Clifford Geertz 		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	exam	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	(selected chapters) A. Bernard, Anthropology, 2006 R. Deliege, History of anthropology, 2011 A. Paluch, Masters of social anthropology, 1990 A. Kuper, Culture. An anthropological approach, 2005, ch. 3, 6
	Supplementary literature	T. Bulinski, M. Kairski, Introduction, in T. Bulinski, M. Kairski (eds.), Dreams, trophies, genes and the dead. "Warfare" in pre-state societies on the example of the Amazon, 2006 M. Harris, Cows, pigs, wars and witches, ch. III S.A. Tyler, Introduction to the methods of cognitive anthropology, in M. Buchowski (ed.), American Cognitive Anthropology, 1993 S. Ortner, On cardinal symbols, in M. Kempny, E. Nowicka (eds.), Cultural research, vol. I, 2003; C. Geertz, Interpretations of Cultures, Cracow 2005, ch. 15. J. Turner, Structure of sociological theories, 2012, pp. 593-603
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Explain the difference between classical evolutionism and modern evolutionism in anthropological theories.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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