

ANTH4020 Academic Writing and Project Development

This is one of three mandatory courses MA students have to take in the first semester. Its purpose is to prepare students to deliver the final research proposal, which will allow them to go on fieldwork in the second semester. Assessment is through a 2-page and a 6-page proposal (with presentation), and the final proposal.

In the first part students are offered a number of lectures on research methods, library sources, research ethics and data management. The second part consists of student presentations, based on the 6-page draft research proposal, after which students continue to work by themselves and through tutorials with their supervisors on their final proposal.

Details are on the course website:

<https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/sai/ANTH4020/>

For examiners /assessment

Research project proposal requirements

The project proposal should outline the background for the project, the research questions and how the student plans to go about conducting the research. The project proposal should be within the range of 3150-3850 words (excluding references).

The project proposal should contain the following elements:

- Background
- Research questions, place/ empirical field
- Relevant literature and previous research within the field (remember to reference correctly and list all references in the reference list)
- Methods
- Ethical issues
- Project timeline
- Reference list

The project proposal will be assessed on a pass/fail basis.

In order to pass, the proposal must contain a clearly formulated research question; a satisfactory methodological operationalization of this/these questions; and a satisfactory set of reflections on possible ethical dilemmas. A proposal may pass even if it contains some major weaknesses, as long as the overall quality is of a satisfactory nature.