

SOSANT2550 – Medical anthropology

Assignments for take home exam Regular exam, Spring semester 2015

Please read the *Exam regulations* before you start writing your exam paper. You will find the regulations on the course semester page: http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/sai/SOSANT2550/v15/index.html

The exam paper must be written in accordance with guidelines for referring to quotes and sources. Please read http://www.sv.uio.no/english/studies/resources/sources-and-references/ (in English) or http://www.sv.uio.no/studier/ressurser/kildebruk/ (in Norwegian).

You can find the guidelines *Praktiske råd og retningslinjer for skriving av hjemmeoppgaver* in Norwegian under "Eksamen" on: http://www.sv.uio.no/sai/studier/admin/

Exam paper length: minimum requirement 2 900 words – maximum length 4 400 words including cover page and foot- or endnotes. The list of works cited may not exceed 1 page and is not to be included in the total number of words.

Essays which do not meet the requirement for the minimum number of words or which exceed the maximum number of words will not be accepted or returned later without assessment or grading.

Exams at the University of Oslo may be checked for correct word count and incidents of cheating. The text recognition software Ephorus could be used to find cases of plagiarism.

The exam essay must be written in accordance with University regulations. Exam papers not written in accordance with University regulations may be subject to charges of cheating. Please see (in English) Routines for handling suspicion of cheating and attempted cheating at the University of Oslo:

http://www.uio.no/english/about/regulations/studies/studies-examinations/routines-cheating.html,
or (in Norwegian) Rutiner for behandling av mistanke om fusk/forsøk på fusk ved Universitetet i Oslo:

http://www.uio.no/om/regelverk/studier/studier-eksamener/fuskesaker/

The exam paper must be written in English.

Assignments for the take home exam can be downloaded from the course semester web page http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/sai/SOSANT2550/v15/index.html from **Thursday May 21**st at 12:00 noon.

Handing in the exam paper:

Time: Thursday May 28th at 12:00 noon.

Place: Auditorium 4, Eilert Sundt's building (Faculty of Social Sciences).

You must submit three (3) copies of your exam paper. Also remember to hand in one signed copy of a declaration concerning the proper use of sources and quotations. The declaration may be downloaded from the following sites: http://www.uio.no/english/studies/admin/examinations/declaration/index.html (in English) or http://www.uio.no/studier/admin/eksamen/erklering-oppgave/ (in Norwegian).

You will also find information on time and place for handing in the exam paper on http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/sai/SOSANT2550/v15/eksamen/index.html

The exam results will be published in the StudentWeb no later than three weeks after you submitted your paper.



ENGLISH:

For all questions: draw on relevant course readings to discuss the proposition (as many as relevant). Feel free in addition to draw on your own experience and/or other sources, texts and ideas (but reference these correctly!).

Answer one of the following three questions:

- 1. 'Biomedicine' is not one stable body of knowledge or practices, but a shifting and context-dependent assemblage. Discuss.
- 2. While 'biopolitics' in the 1980s called forth anxieties, resistance and critique among patients and anthropologists, in the 21st century it has turned into a destination of nostalgia and longing. Discuss.
- 3. In the 21st century biomedicine engages with, and engenders, changes to fundamental social concepts incl. nation, state, sovereignty and citizenship. Discuss.