

SOSANT2550 – Medical Anthropology

Assignments for take home exam

Regular exam, spring semester 2012

Please read the *Exam regulations for the take home exam* 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/v12/>

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.uio.no/studier/program/sosant/>

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.

Exam papers 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 paper 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 *Routines for handling suspicion of cheating and attempted cheating at the University of Oslo*, Reglements håndboken, 3.3.2.: <http://www.admin.uio.no/admhb/reglhb/studier/andre-regelverk/fuskesakereng.xml>

The exam paper must be written in English.

Assignments for the take home exam can be downloaded from Fronter or the course semester page <http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/sai/SOSANT2550/v12/> from **Monday April 16th at 12:00**.

Deadline for handing in the exam paper:

Monday April 23rd at 9:00 a.m. in Fronter

You must also hand in two (2) identical paper copies of your exam paper and one (1) signed copy of the declaration of sources:

Time: Monday April 23rd at 11:00 a.m.

Place: the reception at the Department of Social Anthropology, 6th floor, Eilert Sundt's Building (Faculty of Social Sciences).

You will find the declaration of sources on

<http://www.uio.no/studier/program/sosant/Declaration-of-sources-English.pdf> (in English)

and on <http://www.uio.no/studier/program/sosant/erklaering.pdf> (in Norwegian).

You can also download the declaration from <http://www.uio.no/studier/program/sosant/> under “Eksamen”: *Declaration of sources* (in English) or *Erklærings skjema* (in Norwegian).

You will find information on time and place for handing in the exam paper on <http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/sai/SOSANT2550/v12/>

The exam results will be published in the StudentWeb no later than three weeks after the paper was handed in.

All students will receive an explanation of the grades in Fronter.

Best of luck!

ENGLISH:

Answer **one** of the following three questions:

1. 'Biomedicine is, like all sciences, universal and mobile; traditional medicine is locally specific and place bound'. Discuss and critique this idea drawing on ethnographic evidence, using more than three texts from the reading list.
2. Discuss how authors on the reading list approach 'social suffering'. Place a particular emphasis on the relation between pain and voice. Use several ethnographic examples and more than three texts in the argument.
3. Discuss, drawing upon at least three texts from the reading list (and other examples), how biomedicine has evolved in close relation to the nation state, and how globalisation has affected and changed this relationship between biomedical practices and larger collective(s).