

# Syllabus

for course at advanced level

**Digital Anthropology**  
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**7.5 Higher Education  
Credits**  
**7.5 ECTS credits**

<b>Course code:</b>	SAM215
<b>Valid from:</b>	Spring 2020
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<b>Department</b>	Department of Social Anthropology
<b>Subject</b>	Social Anthropology

## Decision

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## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

## Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
M215	Digital Anthropology	7.5

## Course content

Digital anthropology deals with the development and use of digital media in different cultural contexts, from social interaction in virtual worlds to mobile mediated social relationships. The course provides a critical understanding of digital media in relation to globalization and societal change, as well as the impact of social media on everyday life. The course literature consists of anthropological studies on a variety of digital themes around the world. The course highlights different ethnographic research methods, including online, visual and sensory methods.

## Learning outcomes

To pass the course the student should be able to:

- \* Identify and discuss key theories and concepts in digital anthropology
- \* Design a research project in digital anthropology
- \* Apply ethnographic research methods in studies of digital media

## Education

Course instruction consists of lectures, seminars and project work.

## Forms of examination

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#### Course requirements:

- \* At least 60% attendance at lectures and seminars is compulsory. More than 40% absence must be compensated, in consultation with the teacher.
- \* Completion of all assignments and project work.

The course is given in English.

The course evaluation will assess how well the course was implemented in relation to the learning objectives.

#### Forms of examination

Examination through take home exam. The exam can be written in Swedish or English.

#### Grading scale

Grades will be assigned according to a seven-step, goal-related grading scale (A-F):

A=Excellent  
B=Very good  
C=Good  
D=Satisfactory  
E=Sufficient

#### Failing grades

Fx= Fail, some more work is needed  
F=Fail, much more work is needed

Grading criteria will be distributed at the beginning of the course.

#### Final grade

In order to receive a passing grade for the course you must get at least grade E on the take home exam, pass on assignments and project work and 60% attendance. Complementary or late submitted assignments cannot be graded higher than C. (Exemption from the rule can be made in case of particular circumstances, after decision by the director of studies).

#### Fail

Those who receive grade F or Fx (failing grades) can complement submitted assignments.

Students who have received grade Fx or F on a test are normally offered at least three examination opportunities within a year. To obtain a final grade for the entire course, a minimum grade of E is required according to the 7-grade scale. Students who received the lowest grade E on exams may not undergo a re-exam for higher grades.

Students who have been awarded grade Fx or F for exams twice on the same course by one examiner are entitled to request that another examiner be appointed to determine the grade for the exam. The request for this shall be made to the Departmental Board.

#### Completion

Completion of grade Fx up to an approved grade may be allowed if the student is close to the approved mark. The assignment must be submitted within 10 working days after supplementary needs have been announced by the examiner. The grades A-E are used when completing simpler formal errors. The grades C-E are used for the completion of deficiencies of comprehension.

If the student has a certificate from Stockholm University with a recommendation for special support, the examiner is entitled to give an adapted exam or have the student take the exam in an alternative way.

#### Interim

Students may request that examinations in accordance with this syllabus be conducted a maximum of three

times during a two-year period after it has expired. The request for this shall be made to the Departmental Board. Other compulsory course parts are also comparable with tests.

### **Limitations**

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### **Misc**

The course is part of the social anthropology master's program SOANO.

### **Required reading**

Current course literature is posted on the department's website at

<https://www.socant.su.se/utbildning/studieinformation/schema-kurslitteratur>

Current course literature is given no later than two months before the course starts.