

ISEK – Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies

Guidelines

**Master Social Anthropology
Major- / Minor- Study Program**

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Precautionary Remark: Legal Foundation

Please note that the following guidelines and the information contained therein are not legally binding. The Office of Student Affairs provides you with all essential information for planning and navigating your studies (in German):

<https://www.phil.uzh.ch/de/studium/rechtsgrundlagen.html>

https://www.phil.uzh.ch/de/studium/rechtsgrundlagen/rechtsgrundlagen_master.html

The most important documents are briefly outlined in the table below.

Table 1: Classification of Program Documents

Document	Explanatory Note
Framework Ordinance	The Framework Ordinance on Bachelor's and Master's programs at the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Zurich (RVO PhF) provides the legal framework for studying in the Bachelor's and Master's programs of the PhF.
Study Regulations of the Faculty of Philosophy	Based on the framework ordinance, the faculty sets up study regulations, detailing the provisions of the framework ordinance. It consists of a general part and the program-specific appendices. The general section regulates the cross-program aspects of the study program.
Program-specific Appendices to the Program Regulations	The program-specific appendices to the study regulations include regulations for each program. The core element of each appendix is the curriculum. It contains information on the content structure of the program and on the prerequisites for module passing. Prerequisites for module passing are rules for the selection of modules. They tell you how many ECTS credits you have to earn in the different content areas. In addition, the program-specific appendix contains any combination prohibitions and - if it is a Master's program - the admission requirements.
Module Catalogue	The module catalogue includes all modules that constitute the permanent offer in the program. It contains the permanent information about the modules. You can find additional semester information in the course catalogue.
Sample Curriculum	The sample curriculum is one possible way to complete the program within the standard duration of study. You can follow this, but you are also free to organise your studies differently.
Guideline to Individual Programs	The guideline informs you about the special features of the program or programs and serves as an orientation guide for your studies. The guideline has an explanatory, non-regulatory character.
Guidelines for studies at the PhF	Faculty-wide explanations of the Framework Ordinance and the study regulations are provided by the Office of Student Affairs in a suitable form. (e.g. deregistration from assessments, module booking, registration for the final thesis, recognition of external achievements, etc.). The information is intended to support students in making efficient use of the program-specific documents provided (appendix to the study regulations, sample curriculum, module catalogue and course catalogue) when planning and structuring their studies.

Welcome by the Department

Dear students,

We are pleased that you have made the decision to study Social Anthropology as your Master's degree.

On the following pages you will find explanations regarding the Master's program. These should enable you to plan your course of study, but also serve as an orientation guide for questions that arise during your studies.

In addition, the MA study counselling service of the ISEK – Department of Social Anthropology is also at your disposal if you have any questions. You may register by sending an e-mail in which you describe your concerns and you will subsequently receive information or an appointment will be arranged.

Program Specific Information

1 Master Social Anthropology

1.1 Program Objectives

Social Anthropology in General

Social Anthropology deals with the totality of cultures and societies in the world. In general terms, the study program thus provides an understanding of the forms and mechanisms of human coexistence, its ecological, economic, political, legal, social and cultural dimensions, its multifaceted nature and its historical malleability.

Social Anthropology Specifically

In their specific work, social anthropologists typically deal with more narrowly defined topics whilst at the same time investigating a broad spectrum of societal phenomena. Their subjects of research may for example entail village structures and urban spaces in North and South, everyday life, social and religious movements, norms and world views, economic strategies for securing life, jurisdiction, processes of social inequality, violent conflicts, or the activities of state and international organisations.

Fieldwork, data evaluation, the embedding of social phenomena in their overall societal context, societal comparison and empirically guided theory development are of particular importance in the methodological approach of Social Anthropology.

The Master's Program

In the Major, the Master's program is centered around a research project, which the students carry out independently, under guidance of a lecturer and which ultimately leads to the Master's thesis. The program therefore builds on the skills acquired in the Bachelor's program, but strengthens the practical side of Social Anthropology and gives the students a much greater scope of responsibility and creative freedom. The Program Regulations therefore implement the finding that students make the greatest progress in theoretical and practical training when they try to achieve a self-set goal and when they pursue Social Anthropology as a production of new and relevant knowledge.

Thematic Focus

In its Master's program, ISEK – Department of Social Anthropology has three thematic foci in teaching and research: "*Transformation and Development*", "*Ethics, Religion, Knowledge*" and "*Material Culture and Museum*". During the course of the studies, the Master's student can focus on one of these topics, do research in them and thus specialise in this focus. Several supervisors are available to assist in supervising a Master's thesis in one of these three subject areas.

However, it is possible to do a Master's degree without specialising in one of these subject areas, either by attending courses that belong to different foci or by attending modules with different topics. Many members of the staff who are able to supervise a Master's thesis also do work in other thematic and regional fields of research. This enables you to receive competent guidance and support in many different fields of research. Furthermore, you may receive advice and support in areas that do not directly correspond to the closer research interests of the department's staff.

If you are seeking a suitable supervisor, you can contact the potential supervisor directly. However, it is also possible to take up the Master's program first and seek a supervisor in the early stages of the program. You can find an overview of possible supervisors and the research fields represented at ISEK – Department of Social Anthropology on the website.

Acquired Skills and Career Prospects

Graduates are able to work scientifically, they possess expertise in Social Anthropology and are familiar with the history of the discipline and selected regions of the world. They are able to quickly familiarise themselves with new contexts, to critically review facts and grasp their systematic character and to act appropriately in complex contexts. However, what sets Social Anthropology students particularly apart, is that when they reflect on societal or cultural phenomena, they detach themselves from the imprints of their own life-world and learn to argue and act before a broader horizon of possibilities. Master's students can particularly point out that they have carried out independent research.

Because of these qualifications, graduates in Social Anthropology not only qualify for the academic field, but can also work in a wide range of professions, such as development cooperation, international organisations, public administration, social work, associations, media, publishing, management consultancy, cultural management or the museum sector. Fieldwork, which is part of the Master's program, demonstrates the intercultural skills, flexibility and creativity of the graduates, which is a great advantage in many professional fields. A Master's degree also has advantages over a Bachelor's degree in cases where the job market rewards educational qualifications, a higher level of intellectual competence, in-depth specialist knowledge or, in general, the ability to adapt to foreign contexts. To our knowledge, this can be the case particularly in government agencies, the education sector, journalism, international organisations or development cooperation.

Duration of Studies

The Master's program is structured in such a way that students can complete their studies in four semesters. However, modules can be completed over a longer period of time. This may be the case due to individual needs and accompanying circumstances (e.g. employment alongside studies or starting a family).

Language Skills

In order to achieve the Master's program objectives, a good knowledge of English is imperative, as most of the specialist literature is written in English. Furthermore, many of the modules are held in English. Depending on the regional specialisation aimed for, it is sometimes also beneficial to be able to engage with specialist literature in other languages. Whoever deals with China benefits if he/she can also read Chinese specialist literature, whoever deals with West Africa benefits if he/she has knowledge of French.

Approval

Admission to the Master's program is via the Admissions Office of the University of Zurich. All relevant information can be found on this website:

<https://www.uzh.ch/cmsssl/en/studies/application/master.html>

Further information can be found on the following websites (in German):

Major:

https://www.phil.uzh.ch/dam/jcr:d3682526-2084-4ac6-989e-5784897fd460/STO_06M-7721-090.pdf

Minor:

https://www.phil.uzh.ch/dam/jcr:3b2a3393-d7bb-43aa-b3cd-d7102e00af51/STO_06M-7721-030.pdf

1.2 Differences between Major and Minor

Hereinafter we introduce the Major Study Program (with 90 ECTS credits) and the Minor Study Program (with 30 ECTS credits). It should only be briefly noted here that the Minor Study Program is not research-based, but places its emphasis on the study of specialist literature. A change from Minor to Major is possible without further ado, particularly since all achievements that are rendered in the Minor can also be credited in the Major.

The Master's program provides a well-founded qualification in the Major study program which is supplemented by a Minor study program. Which study programs you choose to complement your Social Anthropology studies, whether major or minor, depends on your interests and goals. You might consider choosing a philology that focuses on the languages of a region of the world that interests you anthropologically (e.g. Japanese Studies). You can see whether you have a particular theoretical interest (e.g. theoretical sociology), whether you want to acquire knowledge for a practical profession (e.g. law) or whether you are particularly interested in the historical dimensions of research topics (e.g. history).

Pre-Master's Modules as Part of Bachelor's Study Program

During the Bachelor's program, you may complete pre-Master's modules under certain circumstances.

Please consult the homepage of the faculty:

<https://www.phil.uzh.ch/en/studium/studentervices/vorgezogenemastermodule.html>

The modules that may be booked as pre-Master's modules are marked in the module catalog of the Master's with the note "*Dieses Modul ist als vorgezogenes Mastermodul geeignet*" (This module is suitable as a pre-Master's module). In Social Anthropology this includes all focus modules, various modules from the module group "*Thematic, Regional and Methodological Extensions*", the module "*Methods and Research Design*" and the module "*Theories in Anthropology*".

1.3 Explanations to the Curriculum

1.3.1 Module Groups

As you may know, the course of study is made up of module groups. The MA-degree in Social Anthropology includes the following module groups:

- Anthropological Theory
- Anthropological Research
- Focus Transformation and Development
- Focus Ethics, Religion, Knowledge
- Focus Material Culture and Museum
- Thematic, Regional and Methodological Extensions
- Other Curricular Modules

In the following, the module groups will be introduced in detail:

Anthropological Theory

The modules of this module group aim to familiarise you with further theories of Social Anthropology based on your theoretical foundation from the Bachelor's program and intend to deepen your previous knowledge. Theoretical concepts are developed in confrontation with empirical data, but also in confrontation with the models and concepts of the past and present. The purpose of these modules is therefore not solely to familiarise you with theoretical concepts that will help you design and evaluate your own research results, but also to learn to position yourself and navigate within the theoretical discourse context of Social Anthropology.

Anthropological Research

This module group deals with the practical aspects of anthropological research, for which you have already laid the foundations in your Bachelor's degree. The modules of the module group "Anthropological Research" are based on this previous knowledge. It involves the planning and preparation of a research project, topic identification, the development of a research concept, the different methods and their application, the implementation and possible problems of a research stay and the evaluation of data.

Foci 'Transformation and Development', 'Ethics, Religion, Knowledge', 'Material Culture and Museum'

At the ISEK – Department of Social Anthropology there are three main areas of research, which are referred to as foci. Each of these foci corresponds to a module group. One subject area deals with transformation processes and development, another with questions of religion, ethics and knowledge and a third with material culture and the museum.

Thematic, Regional and Methodological Extensions

This module group contains all those modules that are offered within the framework of the Master's program and are aimed at expanding the thematic and regional knowledge of the students beyond the foci. Further, modules are situated here that deal with a particular aspect of ethnological methods.

Other Curricular Modules

Here you can find cross-listed modules. These are modules from other institutes at the UZH which are suitable for Master's students of Social Anthropology. This module group also offers language courses from the ISEK – Department of Social Anthropology and other institutes.

Master Thesis

Furthermore, there is the master thesis. In the master thesis you present your research results and reflect them methodically and theoretically.

1.3.2 Modules, Module Groups, Courses, Teaching Formats

Each of the module groups mentioned above consists of modules. The framework ordinance defines modules as course units completed in terms of content and time, which consist of one or more courses and can extend over a maximum of two semesters (see RVO § 16).

Teaching Formats

The most important forms of teaching in the Master's program in Social Anthropology are seminars, excursions, internships, practical exercises, language courses, self-study, MA thesis and colloquia.

1.3.3 Master – Major (90 ECTS Credits)

In the following descriptions, we assume that the Master's program is commenced in an autumn semester, but the Master's program can also be started in a spring semester. Your study plan must then be adjusted accordingly (see below).

The Basic Structure: Modules for Own Research

In the first semester you have time to familiarise yourself with different topics. During this time you can refine your own ideas and clarify the research you wish to pursue. You will also have the opportunity to find a supervisor for your Master thesis. This person will accompany you during the course of your Master's thesis, together you will determine the topic, discuss the steps of your research. Finally, you will hand in your thesis to this person who will then evaluate it. If possible, you should have found your supervisor by the end of the first semester, at the latest by the end of the second semester.

The Master's program is based on a basic framework that covers the necessary steps of your research, which should culminate in the Master's thesis. These modules will be introduced to you first:

1. First of all, from the module group *Anthropological Theory*, the module *Theories in Anthropology* is to be attended. This module deals with classical and contemporary theories. It is advisable to attend this seminar in the first semester, in preparation for your research. This course is offered every autumn semester and you will be granted 6 ECTS credits.
2. From the module group *Anthropological Research* the module *Methods and Research Design* is to be attended. In this seminar you will deepen your methodological knowledge and reflect upon your own research from a methodological perspective. This module is offered every spring semester and should also be attended at the beginning of the Master's program, as it is the basis for your own research. You will be granted 6 ECTS credits for this module.
3. From the module group *Anthropological Research* the module *Master Colloquium I* is to be attended. You will attend this colloquium before starting your research. It takes place every semester. In this colloquium you will meet other Master's students who, like you, are facing or have just completed fieldwork and you will work on your research project and plan. A lecturer will accompany you during this process. However, you will hand in the completed research plan to your supervisor, who will confirm whether you have passed the Master Colloquium I. Attending the *Master Colloquium I* will be rewarded with 3 ECTS credits. (Side note: The *Master Colloquium I* and the *Master Colloquium II* are held together).
4. Next a module from the module group *Anthropological Research* is to be selected in which you collect the data for your research. You can choose between *Fieldwork*, *Museum Research* and *Extended Literature Research*, depending on the type of research you want to do and what you have agreed on with your supervisor. The requirement for this is the completion of the module *Master Colloquium I* and the module *Seminar Methods and Research Design*. Within the scope of this module you can then, for example, undertake fieldwork after the spring

semester, do an internship in a museum or work on literature in the library. These activities are granted with 6 ECTS credits.

5. When you have completed the data collection and you are writing your research report, the module Master Colloquium II is to be attended, where you and your fellow students work on your research report, which is also the foundation for the Master's thesis. This module also takes place every semester. It is led by a lecturer, but you hand in the research report to your supervisor. (Side note: The *Master Colloquium I* and the *Master Colloquium II* are held together).
6. The work you have completed in the previously mentioned modules culminates in the Master's thesis, in which you present your research results and reflect on them methodically and theoretically. If you have completed the module *Master Colloquium II*, you can register for the module *Master thesis* in agreement with your supervisor. A leaflet on the ISEK – Department of Social Anthropology website provides information on the exact modalities.

An approximate time frame for the degree is given in the sample curriculum (see 1.4). With the completion of these courses you have earned 54 ECTS credits.

Beyond the Basic Structure: Further Modules

The basic structure is expanded by further courses:

1. Three additional ECTS credits from the module group *Anthropological Theory* are granted by attending the weekly Social Anthropology Colloquium "Lecture Series in Social Anthropology", in which researchers from the UZH or other scientific institutions from both Switzerland and abroad give lectures. The Social Anthropology Colloquium is offered every semester and you can attend this course in any semester.
2. Furthermore, you will be engaged in the thematic foci that are represented at the ISEK – Department of Social Anthropology. As mentioned above, these courses are listed in the module groups *Focus Transformation and Development*; *Focus Ethics, Religion, Knowledge*; *Focus Material Culture and Museum*. You select modules here, which will grant you a total of 21 ECTS credits.

Note however, that while doing so at least one of the following modules must be attended:

- *Research Seminar on Transformation and Development*, which is offered every autumn semester
- *Research Seminar on Ethics, Religion and Knowledge*, which is offered every second spring semester (alternating with the *Research Seminar on Material Culture and Museum*) and / or,
- *Research Seminar on Material Culture and Museum* (alternating with the *Research Seminar on Ethics, Religion and Knowledge*), which is offered every second spring semester.

Each of these three courses is credited with 9 ECTS credits.

Students can acquire the remaining ECTS credits necessary in this module group by attending further focus modules of their choice. These include the *Research Seminars*, which have not yet been attended, and modules marked as *Thematic additions*. The latter serve to deepen the Institute's thematic foci, but can also be attended independently of whether you have previously booked a research seminar corresponding to the topic of the course. These modules can be attended in all semesters of the Master's degree.

3. You then choose modules totaling 6 ECTS credits from the module group *Thematic, Regional and Methodological Extensions*. In addition to non-focus-related thematic modules, you will also find the seminar *Anthropology of Asia and the Middle East* every second spring semester. You can also choose regional seminars from the BA program, which are equally open to the BA program and the MA program. Furthermore, the modules on anthropological practice equally offered for the BA and MA programs can be chosen. These include, for example, the course *methodological in-depth training* [Methodenvertiefung] or attendance at a *Summer School* or *Excursion*. However, you must bear in mind that the time and ECTS credits you spent/acquired for an *Excursion/ Summer school* cannot be credited to your own fieldwork from the module group *Anthropological research*. However, you can participate in a *Summer School/Excursion* and carry out your own fieldwork afterwards or before.
4. Finally, further modules worth a total of 6 ECTS credits are to be selected from all module groups. These may also come from the module group *Other curricular modules*, in which modules from other departments and programs that are suitable for Social Anthropology are cross-listed.

This results in a total of 90 ECTS credits.

Commencement of Studies in the Spring Semester

One way of organising the course of your studies is illustrated in the sample curriculum. You may of course deviate from this, but the sequence of the courses of the "basic framework" should be adhered to. If you start your studies in the spring semester, you need to adapt your study plan accordingly. This will move the *Methods and Research Design* seminar into your first semester. You can then attend the *Master Colloquium I* in the same semester and subsequently start your research. In the autumn semester you will then attend the seminar *Theories in Anthropology*.

1.3.4 Master – Minor (30 ECTS Credits)

While it makes a difference in the Major whether you start studying in the autumn or spring semester, it is irrelevant for the Minor. The study of Social Anthropology in the Master (Minor) is literature-based and consists of the following components.

1. From the module group *Anthropological Theory*, the module *Theories in Anthropology*. This module deals with classical and contemporary theories. This course is offered every autumn semester and grants you 6 ECTS credits.
2. Furthermore, you will deal with the thematic foci that are represented at the institute. These modules are listed in the module groups *Focus Transformation and Development*; *Focus Ethics, Religion, Knowledge*; *Focus Material Culture and Museum*. You choose modules from these groups, which will earn you a total of 18 ECTS credits. These can be the *Research Seminars* (each worth 9 ECTS credits; *Research Seminar on Transformation and Development*: every autumn semester, *Research Seminar on Ethics, Religion and Knowledge*: every second spring semester, *Research Seminar on Material Culture and Museum*: every second spring semester) or the courses that are marked as *Thematic Additions* (each worth 6 ECTS credits).
3. Finally, you are free to choose modules from the study program totaling 6 ECTS credits. Here you can choose courses from the module groups *Anthropological Theory*; *Focus Transformation and Development*; *Focus Ethics, Religion, Knowledge*; *Focus Material Culture and Museum* or *Thematic, Regional and Methodological Extensions*.

1.4 Sample Curriculum and Personal Course of Studies

Below we refer you to the so-called sample curriculum, which represents a possible way to put together your own curriculum. The sample curriculum is merely an orientation aid without any normative claim, you may of course deviate from it. You can find the sample curriculum under the following internet addresses (in German):

Major:

https://www.phil.uzh.ch/dam/jcr:c658ea27-7a5d-4613-a6ec-e923e16ef7cb/06M-7721-090_Ethnologie.pdf

Minor:

https://www.phil.uzh.ch/dam/jcr:137d0e6e-9bcc-4037-b6b4-0671ffc00845/06M-7721-030_Ethnologie.pdf

3 Points of contact und contacts

2.1 Contacts, Adresses, Opening Hours

- ISEK – Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies
- Andreasstrasse 15, 5. OG (Lift A)
- CH - 8050 Zürich
- Tel: 044 635 22 11 (Secretary: **Pia Kumar**) Fax: 044 635 22 19
- E-Mail: pia.kumar@uzh.ch
- Opening Hours: <https://www.isek.uzh.ch/en/anthropology.html>

Library Social Anthropology
 Andreasstrasse 15, 5. OG (Lift B)
 CH - 8050 Zürich
 Tel: 044 635 22 35 Fax: 044 635 22 39
 E-Mail: ethno-library@isek.uzh.ch
 Opening Hours: <http://www.isek.uzh.ch/de/ethnologie/bibliothek.html>

Ethnographic Museum (VMZ)
 Pelikanstrasse 40
 CH - 8001 Zürich
 Tel: 044 634 90 11 Fax: 044 634 90 50
 E-Mail: musethno@vmz.uzh.ch
 Opening Hours: <https://www.musethno.uzh.ch/en.html>

Library of the Ethnographic Museum
 Pelikanstrasse 40
 CH - 8001 Zürich
 Tel: 044 634 90 31
 E-Mail: kitab@vmz.uzh.ch
 Opening Hours: <https://www.musethno.uzh.ch/en/bibliothek.html>

Student Association of Social Anthropology (FVEZ)
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2.2 ISEK – Department of Social Anthropology Website

The website of the ISEK – Department of Social Anthropology (<https://www.isek.uzh.ch/en/anthropology.html>) contains up-to-date information, especially on the courses. You will also find all important information about the department, the Social Anthropology degree, the teaching staff and the libraries. The website of the Ethnographic Museum (<http://www.musethno.uzh.ch>) contains up-to-date information on the events held by the museum and the staff working there.

The website also keeps students up to date about the student organisation. All Social Anthropology

students automatically belong to the Student Organisation.

Office hours of the lecturers and the student advisory service can also be found on the website.

Important information to students is sent via mailing lists of the ISEK – Department of Social Anthropology. All students should subscribe to these via the following link:

<https://www.isek.uzh.ch/en/anthropology/News/Newsletter.html>.

Most courses in Social Anthropology are supported by the **OLAT learning and training platform**:

<https://lms.uzh.ch/olat/dmz/>.

2.3 Student Advisory Services

There are separate Student Advisory Services for the Bachelor's and Master's programs in Social Anthropology. Please contact us at any time if you have questions regarding the planning of your studies.

Please also contact the student advisory service for the following topics: Changes of major (e.g. major to minor in Social Anthropology), credit transfer, study organisation, transfers to the University of Zurich, personal difficulties during studies.

Consultation hours with the Student Advisory Service are arranged by e-mail: For BA contact Olivia Killias via ethno-studienleitung-BA@isek.uzh.ch. For MA contact Jan Patrick Heiss via ethno-studienleitung-jph@isek.uzh.ch.

2.4 Student Mobility

During BA and MA studies, UZH students can also pursue their Major and Minor at other universities in Switzerland, Europe and worldwide.

- We recommend an exchange of one semester, at best in the 3rd semester of the MA course.
- Be sure to make an early effort to organise your mobility stay! We offer an information event at the end of October (more information via mailing lists).
- Contact the student advisory service during the planning phase and consult our website for detailed information: <https://www.isek.uzh.ch/en/anthropology/studying/erasmus.html>
- Before the start of your mobility stay, you must make an appointment (by email: ethno-studienleitung-jn@isek.uzh.ch) with our mobility coordinator Juliane Neuhaus in order to conclude a learning agreement/credit agreement.

Mobility within Switzerland

- Study for one or two semesters with CH-Unimobil:

<https://www.uzh.ch/cmsssl/en/studies/application/chmobilityout.html>

Get to know other Social Anthropology Institutes in Switzerland, possibly in another (national) language. Here is a list of the Social Anthropology Institutes in Switzerland:

<https://sagw.ch/en/seg/>, under "Ethnology in Switzerland".

- Registration can be obtained from the UZH Student Administration Office with a form to download under: <https://www.uzh.ch/cmsssl/en/studies/application/chmobilityout.html>
- Application deadlines
for a Fall Semester: 15 April of the year
for a Spring Semester: 15 November of the previous year

Mobility in a Minor Study Program:

<https://www.uzh.ch/cmsssl/en/studies/application/chmobilityin.html>

- If UZH does not have the right Minor for you, you have the option of studying the entire Minor at another university in Switzerland. The option "External Minor Program" can be selected by enrolled students when they apply at the application portal or change their study program. If you are interested, please clarify the next steps with the responsible mobility officer of your department in advance and, if necessary, compile a Learning Agreement.
- Application deadlines: same as for all other applicants at the respective university.
- Studying individual modules/ courses at another university in Switzerland (**module mobility/ Studying at More Than One University**):

In addition to what the UZH offers, module mobility allows you to take individual courses at other Swiss universities and receive a transcript of records at the end of the semester.

<https://www.uzh.ch/cmsssl/en/studies/application/chmobilityout.html>

- Registration via the Student Administration Office of the host university.
- For your application you often need a statement from the Office of Student Affairs of PhF UZH that the courses you have chosen can be credited at your home university
- Application deadlines: same as for all other applicants at the respective university.

Mobility in Europe

- The application deadline for an academic year (Autumn Semester and Spring Semester) is around the end of February.
- A second call for open exchange places for the following Spring Semester will be issued by the IRO in June. The deadline for applications is around the end of July.

- We currently have valid exchange contracts for the Master's degree with the following nine universities:
Berlin (FU), Brussels (Libre), Frankfurt, Heidelberg, Cologne, Copenhagen, Mainz, Paris (X, Nanterre), Vienna.
- In addition, other universities within Europe are available for Social Anthropology students, which are administered by the IRO under so-called "diverse contracts". Our departmental mobility coordination can provide you with information about the offer in Social Anthropology at these universities. You can find a current list here:
<https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/out/program.html>
- Switzerland no longer has full membership of ERASMUS+. The exchange program is run by SEMP (Swiss European Mobility Programme). Continuously updated information from the SERFI can be found under:
<https://www.sbf.admin.ch/sbf/en/home/education/mobility/eu-education-training-and-youth-programmes.html>
- Students receive financial support (scholarship) within the scope of SEMP.
- You can find current information from ISEK – Department of Social Anthropology to mobility in Europe under <https://www.isek.uzh.ch/en/anthropology/studying/erasmus.html> and on the sites of the International Relations Department at the UZH; there you can apply via the Mobility Online application portal:
<https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/out/program/erasmus.html>

Mobility Worldwide

- The application deadline for an academic year (autumn semester and spring semester) is at the beginning of January.
- A second call for open exchange places for the next Spring Semester will be issued by the IRO in June. The application deadline is around mid-July.
- The International Relations Department is responsible for the support and organisation of stays outside of Europe. Here you can find information about the application procedure:
<https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/out/program/world/information.html>
- The International Relations Department offers information events every October (see Mailings from ISEK – Department of Social Anthropology).

- Social Anthropology can be studied abroad within the framework of university-wide agreements. A list of all universities involved in such agreements with the UZH can be found here, sorted by subject:
https://mobility.int.uzh.ch/mobility/MobilitySearchServlet?identifier=ZURICH01&kz_bew_pers=S&kz_bew_art=OUT&sprache=en
- Please check whether Social or Cultural Anthropology is actually offered at the individual universities.

If you have any questions regarding a non-European study mobility placement, please primarily contact the International Relations Office: outgoing@int.uzh.ch

2.5 Social Anthropology and Profession

We refer here to the Career Services offered by the UZH: <https://www.careerservices.uzh.ch/en.html>. You can also seek advice from the Ms. Juliane Neuhaus. In addition, courses on career orientation are also held on a regular basis.

2.6 Student Association of Social Anthropology (FVEZ)

The Student Association of Social Anthropology (FVEZ) is an organisation by students for students. It informs students about current events in Social Anthropology at the UZH and is an advocate for student concerns. It organises its own projects, events and the popular ethno parties. The work of the association is supported by students of Social Anthropology: its commitment depends on the initiative of its members. Further information (in German) can be found on the association's own website at <https://www.isek.uzh.ch/de/ethnologie/studium/fachverein.html>.