

STATE DOCTORAL EXAMINATION – GENERAL ANTHROPOLOGY

The study is completed by a state doctoral examination, which verifies the extent and depth of knowledge, skills, and competencies gained during the study, and by the defense of the dissertation, which demonstrates the applicant's competence in independent scientific work.

The state final examination consists of one compulsory and two compulsory optional subject areas:

A. Compulsory subject

General anthropology

B. Compulsory elective topics:

The first is focused on anthropological theories and methodology

The second one is materially related to specific research problems addressed within the specialization of the field

Doctoral students submit for the state final examination

1. The list of literature (10 titles that they consider to be decisive for their anthropological research)

The following is offered as a recommended reading list

Benedict R.: Patterns of Culture

Eriksen T.: Ethnicity and nationalism anthropological perspectives

Geertz C.: Interpretation of Cultures

Gurevich A.: Historical Anthropology of the Middle Ages

Le Goff J. : Time, Work and Culture in the Middle Ages

Mauss M. : The Gift. The Form and Reason for Exchange in Archaic Societies

Murphy F.R. : Cultural and Social Anthropology

Ridley M. : The Red Queen: Sex and the Evolution of Human Nature

Weber M. : The Sociology of Religion

Students must choose at least five degrees from this list. The remaining titles (up to ten) may either be chosen further from this list or any other relevant anthropological literature in consultation with their supervisor.

2. Brief annotations of five theses (topics) including bibliographic references to the literature used, two must belong to the "compulsory" part of the exam, three to the "optional" part of the exam, i.e. two topics from general anthropology and it is up to the student's choice whether to choose a social cult focus, philosophical anthropology, historical anthropology, or another direction within general anthropology. In addition, the student will develop three topics, at least one of which should relate to anthropological theory and methodology and at least one of which should relate to research problems within the chosen specialization. Fifth, it is then the student's choice whether to relate it to methodology and theory or to research problems

The Commission then asks five questions:

- 2 from the literature,

- 1 from the "compulsory range", i.e. it chooses one of the two theses offered by the student in general anthropology,
- 2 from the 'compulsory option', i.e. select two of the three topics offered by the student