

Guidelines for oral exams in independent study courses of module B Contemporary Themes in Social and Cultural Anthropology

The Independent Study is a POSSIBILITY in the framework of the B-Module ("Contemporary themes in anthropology"). Students can also take 2 seminars.

If students chose the format of the "independent study" they would ideally do the exam (and the consultation) with their eventual supervisor.

- Students must consult with an examiner BEFORE they start working on the project. They agree on a reading list. The reading list should consist of ca. 15 titles (including books and journal articles) – as equivalent to the workload of a regular seminar
- The oral exam lasts 30 to 40 minutes. Students should prepare a discussion paper, based on their readings (2 pages) in which they present the topic in a concise manner. This paper needs to be sent to the examiner at least 3 days in advance of the exam.
- Students prepare a 5-7 minute introduction to the topic (no powerpoint!). This will be followed by a discussion with the examiner, based on the readings and the points outlined in the discussion paper and the presentation.
- The exam takes place in presence on campus.
- The exam committee consist of one examiner and one committee member who will write down the minutes and the exam report
- The exam should take place during the ongoing semester (e.g., at the latest by the end of September in summer or by the end of March in winter).
- Students should register their exam at the administration office in Social and Cultural Anthropology (ska@uni-bayreuth.de) at least 2 weeks before the intended exam date.