



ELTE Faculty of Social Sciences
Cultural Anthropology Master's programme
in english
Information about the final exam

General information

Choosing thesis topic and supervisor: (*Academic Regulations for students Volume II Section 457*)

- In the first semester: between 15th October and 15th November
- In the second semester: between 15th April and 15th May

Modification of thesis topic and/or supervisor:

(*Academic Regulations for students Volume II Section 77*)

- 15th September / 15th February

Registration for final exam: (*Academic Regulations for students Volume II Section 457*)

- 15th March / 15th October

Submitting thesis: (*Academic Regulations for students Volume II Section 457/A*)

- 15th April / 15th November

Evaluation of the thesis: (*Academic Regulations for students Volume II Section 457/B*)

Thesis defense: (*Academic Regulations for students Volume II Section 81*)

- The defense of the thesis takes place at the final exam (in case of all the degree programmes)

Thesis requirements:

https://tatk.elte.hu/dstore/document/2714/ELTE_TATK_thesis%20requirements.pdf

Final exam period:

- Based on the academic calendar

Deadlines for taking the final exam (*Academic Regulations for Students Volume II Section 81*):

- Started their studies in accordance with Act CXXXIX of 2005 on higher education (Hungarian abbreviation: 'Ftv.') will have to meet certain conditions established by the University if they wish to take the final exam more than 7 years after the issuance of their pre-degree certificate;
- Started their studies in accordance with Act CCIV of 2011 on National Higher Education (Hungarian abbreviation: 'Nftv.') may take their final exam during any exam period within 2 years of the expiry of their student status, in line with the valid training requirements. Taking the final exam more than 2 years after the issuance of their pre-degree certificate, however, may be subject to certain conditions established by the University. Students who started their studies in accordance with Nftv. shall not be granted permission to take the final exam more than 5 years after the expiry of their student status.

The students will be informed about the actual deadlines via Neptun by the Study Office.

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- a) The final examination consists of two parts:
 - aa) the student defends the degree thesis against the opponent's report and answers the questions in connection with the degree thesis and the general questions on the subject matter;
 - ab) the student responds to the question raised from the comprehensive topics. For working on the question the Final Examination Committee provides proper time;
 - ac) The Final Examination Committee evaluates the answers and the defending separately, both by using a five-grade scale;
- b) The result of the final examination is the average of three grades, rounded to two decimals: the grade for the degree thesis, for the defending and for the theoretical question;
- c) The rating of the degree certificate is the same as the grade of the final examination.

FINAL EXAM TOPICS
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1. Choose one of the following and present his evolutionist theory: Lewis Henry Morgan, Edward Burnett Tylor, James George Frazer!
2. What are the limitations of the comparative method of anthropology according to Franz Boas?
3. "Patterns of culture" according to Ruth Benedict
4. "Status" and "role" in Ralph Linton's theory
5. Fieldwork and interpretation in Bronislaw Malinowski's anthropology
6. Function and social structure according to Alfred Reginald Radcliffe-Brown
7. Claude Lévi-Strauss' concept of "structure"
8. Liminality and communitas in Victor Turner's theory
9. Interpretation of cultures according to Clifford Geertz
10. Gender roles in Margaret Mead's works