



Faculty of Social Sciences

SACCR, Master of Science Programme in Cultural Criminology, 120 credits

Masterprogram i kulturkriminologi, 120 högskolepoäng

Second cycle degree programme requiring previous university study / *Program med akademiska förkunskapskrav och med slutlig examen på avancerad nivå*

Decision

The programme syllabus is established by Faculty Board of Social Sciences 01-02-2018 (U 2018/25) and most recently amended by Pro dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences 14-10-2020 (Dnr U 2020/878). The amended syllabus is valid from 15-10-2020, autumn semester 2021.

Programme description

The MSc in Cultural Criminology is a study programme with a disciplinary foundation in sociology and social anthropology aiming to provide students with a solid understanding of criminological phenomena from a cultural perspective. The programme leads to a degree of Master of Science in Cultural Criminology majoring in sociology or social anthropology. The disciplines of sociology and social anthropology have broad traditions of cultural analysis and provide tools that can be used to study criminal behaviour and law enforcement from cultural perspectives.

The point of departure of the programme is that cultural structures – visible in sense-making interaction patterns, societal power relations and emotions – are interwoven with crime and deviations, and with the control mechanisms and media of society in recurring ways.

The Master's programme in Cultural Criminology focuses on crime, deviations and social control through study of how cultural norms, representations and conceptions function in society from the perspectives of individuals and of society. Issues concerning human actions and interactions as well as of collective notions of morality/immorality and normality/abnormality are of key interest. Further topics of

study include which social phenomena are defined as deviant and how they are produced and reproduced. The common denominator of all topics studied is that they are related to issues of cultural criminology. The programme provides students with increased knowledge and understanding of the complexity of crime, deviations, social control and social problems.

The programme objective is to provide the students with tools to understand, analyse and practically manage criminological phenomena using knowledge of the underlying cultural factors of the phenomena. In addition to providing students with specialised theoretical and empirical knowledge based on previous research, the programme has a major emphasis on the students' development of methodological knowledge and skills. The students will gain insights into developments concerning the definition and reproduction of what is considered deviant and distinctive, and social control with regard to norms, legislation and judicial institutions at national and transnational levels. The impact of social control on the everyday life of citizens is emphasised in this context. The programme provides the students with tools to critically review, analyse and evaluate the interplay between theory and practice, and study deviant subcultures as well as societal control mechanisms. Further broadening and/or specialisation of the programme is made possible through elective courses and an internship course.

The programme prepares students for work with crime prevention and law enforcement at policy as well as practical levels, and with media activities concerned with deviant subcultures, criminal behaviour, crime and law enforcement. The programme can also lead to further study in third-cycle education.

Goals

Knowledge and understanding

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the main field of study, including both broad knowledge of the field and a considerable degree of specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as insight into current research and development work, and
- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the main field of study.

For a Degree of Master (60 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the main field of study, including both an overview of the field and specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as insight into current research and development work, and
- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the main field of study.

Competence and skills

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information
- demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate issues critically, autonomously and creatively as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames and so contribute to the

formation of knowledge as well as the ability to evaluate this work

- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing both nationally and internationally to clearly report and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in some other qualified capacity.

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- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing to report clearly and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or employment in some other qualified capacity.

Judgement and approach

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in the main field of study informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work
- demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used, and
- demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for his or her ongoing learning.

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In addition to the learning outcomes specified in the Higher Education Ordinance, for a degree of Master (120 credits) in Cultural Criminology or a degree of Master (60 credits) in Cultural Criminology the student shall:

- demonstrate advanced and specialised knowledge of the use of cultural analysis within cultural criminology, and demonstrate the ability to understand the links between cultural structures and the conceptions and definitions of criminal behaviour, deviations and social control,
- demonstrate the ability to take a position on leading-edge research and to assess and critically interpret and discuss current and societally critical phenomena, issues and situations of cultural analysis, and
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing to conduct development work, and organise and formulate strategies for general work concerned with crime prevention or related to crime.

Course information

The MSc in Cultural Criminology is a cohesive programme of study comprising 120 credits. A degree of Master (120 credits) in Cultural Criminology majoring in sociology or social anthropology must include 30 credits in cultural criminology, 30 credits in research methods, 30 credits of elective courses of relevance to the programme, studies abroad or internship, and a degree project of 30 credits in the main field of the programme.

Semester 1 starts with a course aiming to provide the basic elements of a cultural criminology approach: how crime and law enforcement, deviations and normality are negotiated in a dialectical relationship within different cultural contexts and with different implications.

On the second half of the semester the student choose between a course in ethnographic methods and a course on research methods in the social sciences, addressing both qualitative and quantitative methods.

Semester 2 starts with a course in applied cultural criminology, preparing students for the degree project and future professional life.

On the second part of the semester the student choose among the courses in methods offered by Graduate School, or other equivalent course on advanced level, approved by the Director of Studies.

Semester 3 is made up of elective courses of relevance to the programme, internship or studies abroad.

In **semester 4**, the students complete the programme by producing a degree project in their main field of study.

Additional information in appendix Programme overview SACCR.

Degree

Degree titles

Degree of Master of Science (60 credits) in Cultural Criminology

Major: Social Anthropology

Major: Sociology

Filosofie magisterexamen i kulturkriminologi

Huvudområde: Socialantropologi

Huvudområde: Sociologi

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To be awarded a degree of Master of Science (120 studies) for studies on the programme, the student must have passed the courses listed under "Course information" (or equivalent courses at another higher education institution).

The student can also obtain a degree of Master of Science (60 credits) in Cultural Criminology majoring in sociology or social anthropology after passing the following

courses:

1. Theories, Perspectives and Concepts of Cultural Criminology, 15 credits
2. Ethnography in the Social Science or Methods and Social Analysis, 15 credits
3. Applied Cultural Criminology – Analysis, Organisation and Strategies, 15 credits
4. Master (One Year) Thesis in Sociology or Social Anthropology, 15 credits

Requirements and Selection method

Requirements

To be eligible for the programme the applicant must have the equivalent of a Swedish Bachelor's degree with a major (i.e. at least 90 ECTS credits) in one of the following social sciences disciplines: Sociology, Social Anthropology or equivalent.

Oral and written proficiency in English corresponding to English 6/B from Swedish upper secondary school is a requirement. International qualifications will be assessed in accordance with national guidelines.

Selection method

The applicants estimated capacity to complete the programme is the primary criterion for selection. Students are selected on the basis of their previous study results (grades on courses and Bachelor's degree essay), proficiency in English and letter of intent.

Other information

The language of instruction is English, which means that all teaching and all assessments will take place in English.

Details about the teaching and assessment are provided in the relevant syllabus for the courses included in the programme.

Appendix

Programme overview, SACCR

Semester	Courses	
1	Theories, Perspectives and Concepts of Cultural Criminology, 15 credits	Ethnography in Social Science, 15 credits or Methods and Social Analysis, 15 credits
2	Applied Cultural Criminology – Analysis, Organisation and Strategies, 15 credits	Course in methods offered by Graduate School, or other equivalent course on advanced level, approved by the Director of Studies, 15 credits
3	Elective courses of relevance to the programme/internship/studies abroad, 30 credits	
4	Master's (Two Years) Thesis, 30 credits	