

At the University of Sonora, courses of the newly established study programme “Licenciatura de Antropología” are available:

[Attention: Here the courses are listed and described in English but performed in Spanish language.]

Principles of Ethnographic Practice

Module-No. ANT4

- Credits (ECTS): 8
- Course Formats: Seminar/Workshop/Fieldwork (conducted by the Instructor)
- Thematic Areas:

This seminar proposes to steer a course between an abstract, methodological workshop and a theoretical ‘cookbook’. This is because for us methodology and method, like social theory and empirical research, feed into one another. Neither can be discussed effectively in isolation or completely outside of the fieldwork. Principles of the ethnographical practice are conceived as the fundament of the subsequent Ethnographical practices I and II.

Ethnographic Practice I

Module-No. ANT9

- Credits (ECTS): 8
- Course Formats: Fieldwork (conducted by the Instructor)
- Thematic Areas:

It offers a systematic introduction to ethnographic principles and practice. The module content covers the use of visual and virtual research methods, behavior on field, and the issue of ethical regulation.

Ethnographic Practice II

Module-No. ANT 21

- Credits (ECTS): 8
- Course Formats: Fieldwork (conducted by the Instructor)
- Thematic Areas:

The instructor of this module teaches that ethnography is best understood as an active and reflexive process. What this means is that the students must recognize that social research is part of the world that it studies. It includes the practice and improvement of the main features of the ethnographic work as the selection and sampling cases, the problem of access, observation and interviewing, recording and filing data and the process of data analysis and writing research reports.

Anthropological Survey (“Peritaje Antropológico”)

Module-No. ANT36

- Credits (ECTS): 9
- Course Formats: Workshop
- Thematic Areas:

While maintaining a strong focus on indigenous populations, the Anthropological Survey or “Peritaje Antropológico” is a highly specialized instrument, artifact or description with authoritative power in the Mexican Legislation. They are issued by professional and certificated Anthropologists. In this module, the Instructor will teach all about it. The Anthropological Survey is useful to document -systematically and objectively-, the status, condition or menaces some cultures, communities or religious groups suffer, every time they are subdued to negative economic, cultural or social policies.

Rationality and Environmental Knowledge

Module-No. ANT37

- Credits (ECTS): 9
- Course Formats: Seminar
- Thematic Areas:

The analysis of ecological domains has demonstrated how environmental knowledge is distributed among members of a cultural group. Studies of traditional ecological knowledge have found that some individuals know more than others about various plants, animals, water use and conservation. That is the result of intracultural factors such as age, gender, occupation, interest, education and experience. In this seminar, the most significant advancements in the field in the past two decades are shown and, it will be discussed how these challenge our contemporary understanding of rationality.

Cultural Heritage of Northwest Mexico

Module-No. ANT39

- Credits (ECTS): 9
- Course Formats: Seminar
- Thematic Areas:

The past twenty years have witnessed a far reaching and intense development of international legal standards concerning the safeguarding of cultural heritage and cultural diversity. That new conscience is rooted in the awareness that the concept of cultural heritage represents a holistic notion, which reaches far beyond the original conception encompassing only tangible artistic and monumental expressions. In this seminar will be shown recent international practice which emphasize the strong connection between the various and multi-faceted expressions of cultural heritage and the identity of peoples, the conservation and promotion which represents a fundamental prerequisite for ensuring, in the case of the First Nations in Northwestern Mexico, the enjoyment in practice of basic human rights at both the collective and individual level.

Studies about the North Mexican Border

Module-No. ANT41

- Credits (ECTS): 9
- Course Formats: Seminar
- Thematic Areas:

This seminar offers an interdisciplinary debate for political geographers, anthropologist and students interested on international affairs, especially those concerned with U.S.-Mexico relations. For many years, the international frontier between the United States and Mexico was nothing more than a barren corridor of boundary markers, border gates, and customs houses. That has dramatically changed in the recent years. The transformation of the border zone into a corridor for “maquiladoras” or “bad hombres” migration poses new problems and in certain ways mark the limit of the Globalization discourse.

Evaluation and Impact on the Environment

Module-No. ANT33

- Credits (ECTS): 9
- Course Formats: Seminar
- Thematic Areas:

Today, environmental problems threaten not only natural ecological qualities but also humanity's very existence. That concerns not only global but local efforts to understand and stop legislation, activities and perspectives that imply negative influence to the environment. This seminar includes a collection of readings about the importance of anthropological theory and practice for solving environmental problems, not only abroad but in different regions of Mexico.

Environmentalism: Theory and Concepts

Module-No. ANT34

- Credits (ECTS): 9
- Course Formats: Seminar
- Thematic Areas:

As a researcher, the Anthropologist confronts one of the central dilemmas of the social sciences: how to study that of which we are part and still remain part of it. The partial answer is using theories and concepts. Indeed, as Anthropologists, we are, at the same time, committed participants in the society and detached observers of it. In this seminar, the students will gain access to the most relevant theories and concepts about Anthropology, Interdisciplinarity and the role of contemporary Social Sciences in the study of the environment.

Anthropology and Renewable Energy

Module-No. ANT35

- Credits (ECTS): 8
- Course Formats: Fieldwork (conducted by the Instructor)
- Thematic Areas:

The transition to low-carbon power sector in Mexico requires extensive deployments of clean energy technologies. For a country like this, with very high sunshine levels –and some of the strongest winds in the world- could be easy to belong the top ten countries. However, it is common to attest, that all effort to introduce green technologies in the Mexican countryside collide against traditional, communitarian and historical groups and their interest. This seminar is related with the “consensus society” and the anthropological perspectives about the ethical dimension of energy transition.

Application process

Application (at least 10 months in advance of planed stay)	Application includes letter of motivation, transcript of records, if necessary additional documents of Spanish language sufficiency. Documents have to be send to: Dr. Antje Gunsenheimer at antje.gunsenheimer@uni-bonn.de
Number of exchange students	3

Student programmes	Bachelor and Master
Preferred exchange semester	BA-Students: after successful completion of second BA-semester MA-Students: at any time
Language proficiency	Spanish at the minimum level of B.2 (Spanish courses are offered at the University of Sonora for 400 mex. \$ or Spanish intensive course for 3 month at 3.000 mex. \$)
Process of admission:	Selection process by liaison officer and information of student applicants Letters of admission are sent to students
	Documents are sent to the University of Sonora, Dep. for International Student Mobility and corresponding program manager
	Preparation of students in meetings at the University of Bonn (recommendations to visa and travel preparations, course selection, etc.)
	Students are informed by the Department of Educational Innovation and Internationalization on further requirements, housing possibilities, visa application
At the beginning of the semester abroad (late august or late January)	Arrival of guest students of the University of Bonn in Hermosillo, Sonora <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting with the responsible correspondents for guest students - Information on organizational structure of the University and general central services
Responsible correspondents for guest students	Liaison officer: Professor Dr. Aarón Grageda Bustamante Program manager: Luz Bertila Galindo López Dep. of Educational Innovation and Internationalization: Ing. Marisol Delgado Torres and Ing. Karla Navarro Yanez
Inscription	Inscription of guest students at the Student Office Inscription into courses (together with program manager)
Final exams	Documentation of student's works and exams is finalized and sent to corresponding liaison officer at the University of Bonn.
Student's contribution	If necessary: language courses have to be paid by students on their own