1. Degree programme structure - Contemporary Societies (2023-2026)

Compulsory Modules and Courses

1. Advanced Studies in a Study Track, 60 cr
2. Advanced Thematic Studies, 15-35 cr
3. Research Skills, 15-35 cr
4. Other Studies, 10-20 cr
5. Optional Studies, 0-20 cr

1. Advanced Studies, 60 cr

1.1 Global Development Studies, COS-DS300A

- **Joint Studies 5 cr**
  - COS-301 COS seminar (1st period)
- **Track-specific Studies 15 cr**
  - Compulsory:
    - YMK-3307 Theories in Development (4th period)
  - Choose 2 courses (á 5 cr)
    - YMK-3301 Development Policies and Interventions (1st period)
    - YMK-3303 Political Ecology and Resource Politics (2nd period)
    - YMK-3304 Cities in the Global South (4th period)
    - YMK-3305 Classics in Global Development Studies (3rd period)
    - YMK-3310 Climate Change and Solutions (3rd period)
- **Master's Thesis Seminar 10 cr**
  - COS-DS311 Master's Thesis Seminar in Global Development Studies I (1st period)
  - COS-DS312 Master's Thesis Seminar in Global Development Studies II (4th period)
- **Master's Thesis 30 cr**
  - COS-DS800 Master's Thesis in Global Development Studies

1.2 Social and Cultural Anthropology, COS-SA300A

- **Joint Studies 5 cr**
  - COS-301 COS seminar(1st period)
- **Track-specific Studies 15 cr**
  - Compulsory
    - YKA-225 Contemporary Anthropological Theory (3rd or 4th period)
  - Choose 2 courses (á 5 cr)
    - YMA-3201 Theme I: Exchange and Value (3rd period)
    - YMA-3203 Theme II: Cosmology and Knowledge (4th period)

- YMA-3204 Theme III: Persons and Social Relations (2nd period)
- YMA-3206 Anthropology theory seminar: Special topics (2nd period)
- YMA-3208 State of the Art Anthropological Research (2nd period)
- YKA-226 Political Anthropology (2nd period)
- Comparative regional ethnography II:
  - YMA-3205a Comparative regional ethnography II: North America and the Caribbean
  - YMA-3205b Comparative regional ethnography II: South-East Asia
  - YMA-3205c Comparative regional ethnography II: Europe
  - YMA-3205d Comparative regional ethnography II: South Asia
  - YMA-3205e Comparative regional ethnography II: East Asia
  - YMA-3205f Comparative regional ethnography II: Africa
  - YMA-3205g Comparative regional ethnography II: Latin America
  - YMA-3205h Comparative regional ethnography II

- **Master's Thesis Seminar 10 cr**
  - COS-3209 Master's Thesis Seminar in Anthropology I (3rd – 4th periods)
  - COS-3210 Master's Thesis Seminar in Anthropology II (1st – 2nd periods)
- **Master's Thesis 30 cr**
  - COS-SA800 Master's Thesis in Social and Cultural Anthropology

1.3 Social and Public Policy, COS-YP300A

- **Joint Studies 5 cr**
  - COS-301 COS seminar (1st period)
- **Track-specific Studies 15 cr**
  - Compulsory
    - SOSM-YP336 Social Policy Concepts (1st period)
  - Choose 2 courses (á 5 cr)
    - SOSM-YP301 Poverty Research (1st period)
    - SOSM-YP302 Sustainable Welfare (4th period)
    - SOSM-YP304 Wellbeing and Health (4th period)
    - SOSM-YP323 Disability in Global Perspectives (3rd period)
    - SOSM-YP325 The Land Question and Sustainable Urban Development (2nd period)
    - SOSK-205 Welfare State (2nd period)
- **Master's Thesis Seminar 10 cr**
  - COS-YP311 Master's Thesis Seminar in Social and Public Policy I (3rd – 4th periods)
  - COS-YP312 Master's Thesis Seminar in Social and Public Policy II (1st – 2nd periods)

- **Master's Thesis 30 cr**
  - COS-YP800 Master's Thesis in Social and Public Policy

1.4 Social Data Science, COS-SD300

- **Joint Studies 5 cr**
  - COS-301 COS seminar (1st period)
- **Track-specific Studies 15 cr**
  - Compulsory
    - COS-SD301 Key Concepts in Social Data Science (1st period)
  - Choose 2 courses (á 5 cr)
    - COS-D411 Data Wrangling and Analysis (2nd period)
    - COS-R405 Quantitative Research Skills (1st period)
    - COS-D426 Applied Quantitative Research Project (3rd period)
    - COS-D430 Computational Thinking, Programming and Social Science (2nd period)
- **Master's Thesis Seminar 10 cr**
  - COS-SD311 Master's Thesis Seminar in Social Data Science I (3rd – 4th period)
  - COS-SD312 Master's Thesis Seminar in Social Data Science II (2nd – 3rd period)
- **Master's Thesis 30 cr**
  - COS-SD800 Master's Thesis in Social Data Science

1.5 Social Psychology, COS-SP300A

- **Joint Studies 5 cr**
  - COS-301 COS seminar (1st period)
- **Track-specific Studies 15 cr**
- Compulsory
  - SOSM-SP301 Topical Issues in Social Psychology (1st period)
- Choose 2 courses (á 5 cr)
  - SOSM-SP303 The Social Psychology of Intergroup Relations (4th period)
  - SOSM-SP305 Developing Behaviour Change Interventions (2nd period)
  - SOSM-SP307 Societal and Political Social Psychology II (2nd period), lecture course or exam in alternate years!
  - SOSM-SP309 Societal and Political Social Psychology I (2nd period), lecture course or exam in alternate years!
  - SOSM-SP310 Social psychological perspectives on inequalities (1st – 2nd periods)
- **Master's Thesis Seminar 10 cr**
  - COS-SP311 Master's Thesis Seminar in Social Psychology I (3rd period)
  - COS-SP312 Master's Thesis Seminar in Social Psychology II (3rd period)

- **Master's Thesis 30 cr**
  - COS-SP800 Master's Thesis in Social Psychology

1.6 Sociology, COS-SL300A

- **Joint Studies 5 cr**
  - COS-301 COS seminar(1st period)
- **Track-specific Studies 15 cr**
  - Compulsory
    - SOSM-SL302 Key Concepts in Sociology (2nd period)
  - Choose 2 courses (á 5 cr)
    - SOSM-SL321 Science Studies (1st period)
    - SOSM-SL324 Sociology of Migration (1st period)
    - SOSM-SL325 Goffman's Theory of Social Encounters (4th period)
    - SOSM-SL330 Concepts and Practices of Political Sociology (4th period)
    - SOSM-SL332 Making a City: Urban Politics (2nd period)
    - SOSM-SL304 From Concepts to Observations (1.-4 periods), exam only!
    - SOSM-SL303 Methodology in Sociology (1st period)
    - SOSM-SL337 Authority of science across political cultures (4th period)
    - SOSM-SL338 Sociology of belonging (3rd period)
- **Master's Thesis Seminar 10 cr**
  - COS-SL311 Master's Thesis Seminar in Sociology I (3rd-4th period)
  - COS-SL312 Master's Thesis Seminar in Sociology II (2nd period)
- **Master's Thesis 30 cr**
  - COS-SL800 Master's Thesis in Sociology

2. COS-A400 Advanced Thematic Studies, 15-35 cr

1. **Data and Society**
2. **Ethnic Relations and Migration**
3. **Mind and Society**
4. **Socio-Cultural Shifts**
5. **Sources of Inequalities**

Students may choose individual courses from several different themes.
N.B. Teaching of the Advanced Thematic Studies may annually vary, i.e. not all the courses are taught every year. In addition, teaching periods of some of the thematic courses may annually vary as well.

2.1 Data and Society

- COS-SD302 Perspectives to Digitalizing Society (4th period)

- COS-D421 The Politics in Human-Computer Interaction (4th period)
- COS-D431 Gender, Family and Inequality (1st period)
- COS-D432 Longitudinal Research
- COS-D433 Algorithmic Systems and Society
- COS-D440 (Social) Theory and (Social) Data Science
- SOSM-KY304 Digital Inequalities and the Ethical Turn (2nd period)
- SOSM-328 Challenges of Globalisation, Sustainable Development and Changing Society to the Measurement of Economies and Welfare (Intensive period in January)
- COS-D401 Introduction to the Framework of Economic Statistics (Intensive period in May)
- COS-D402 Co-creative Methods of Collaboration in Societal Challenges (1st period)
- COS-D412 Introduction to Microsimulation (Intensive period in May)
- GPC-O315 Organizational Communication in the Digital Age
- GPC-O317 Digital Politics and Policy (2nd period)
- LDA-H302 Helsinki Digital Humanities Hackathon (Spring term)
- COS-D443 Methods in Social Epidemiology (4th period)
- COS-D444 Social Determinants of Health (2nd period)
- COS-D445 Social data and research ethics
- SOSM-326 Datafication – Critical Perspectives

2.2 Ethnic Relations and Migration

- SOSM-SP303 The social psychology of intergroup relations (4th period)
- SOSM-SP310 Social psychological perspectives on inequalities (1st – 2nd periods)
- SOSM-SL324 Sociology of Migration (1st period)
- SOSM-SL304 From Concepts to Observations (1.-4. periods), exam only!
- MSV-ME301 Introduction to migration and ethnic relations (1st period)
- MSV-ME302 Current Research in the Field of Ethnic Relations (2nd period)
- MSV-ME303 Advanced specialized course in Ethnic Relations (4th period)
- MSV-ME304 Dystopic Diversity? Narrating Migration in Populist Mobilization (3rd period)
- MSV-ME305 Linguistic minorities and interlinguistic communication, with a special focus on Swedish in Finland (2nd period)
- MSV-ME310 Thematic seminar in ethnic relations (2nd period)
- MSV-SL314 Migration and Mobilities in a Global Era (2nd period)

2.3 Mind and Society

- SOSM-SP305 Developing Behaviour Change Interventions (2nd period)
- SOSM-SP307 Societal and Political Social Psychology II (2nd period), lecture course or exam in alternate years!

- SOSM-SP309 Societal and Political Social Psychology I (2nd period), lecture course or exam in alternate years!
- SOSM-SL321 Science Studies (1st period)
- SOSM-SL322 Social Studies of Technology (2nd period)
- SOSM-SL323 Co-creation and citizen participation in urban development (3rd period)
- SOSM-SL325 Goffman's theory of social encounters (4th period)
- SOSM-322 The Politics of Consumption (3rd period)
- SOSM-SL304 From Concepts to Observations (1.-4. periods), exam
- MSV-SP302 Work and Organisational Psychology II: Power, diversity and equality (1st period)
- MSV-SP314 The Psychology of Sustainable Behavior
- MSV-SL315 Social Divisions and the Life Course (2nd period)
- MSV-SP316 From Replication Crisis to Credibility Reform (2nd period)
- SOSM-SL333 Pitching: Theory, Analysis and Practice
- SOSM-SL334 Introduction to the Sociology of Addiction (3rd period)
- SOSM-SL336 Sociology of Work (3rd period)
- SOSM-KY307 Consumer Culture (1st period)
- SOSM-SL337 Authority of science across political cultures (4th period)
- SOSM-SL338 Sociology of belonging (3rd period)
- SOSM-SP313 Critical and intersectional social psychologies of gender (3rd period)

2.4 Socio-Cultural Shifts

- YMA-3201 Theme I: Exchange and Value (1st period)
- YMA-3203 Theme II: Cosmology and Knowledge (4th period)
- YMA-3204 Theme III: Persons and Social Relations (2nd period)
- Comparative regional ethnography II:
  - YMA-3205a Comparative regional ethnography II: North America and the Caribbean
  - YMA-3205b Comparative regional ethnography II: South-East Asia (2nd period)
  - YMA-3205c Comparative regional ethnography II: Europe (4th period)
  - YMA-3205d Comparative regional ethnography II: South Asia
  - YMA-3205e Comparative regional ethnography II: East Asia
  - YMA-3205f Comparative regional ethnography II: Africa
  - YMA-3205g Comparative regional ethnography II: Latin America (3rd period)
  - YMA-3205h Comparative regional ethnography II
- YMA-3206 Anthropology theory seminar: Special topics (2nd period)
- YMA-3208 State of the Art Anthropological Research (2nd period)
- YKA-226 Political Anthropology (2nd period)
- YKA-225 Contemporary Anthropological Theory (3rd or 4th period)

- YKA-221 Central Themes in Anthropology (2nd period)
- YMP-3404 Presence of the past and memory policy (1st – 2nd periods), only independent studies (essay) in English!
- YMP-3410 Inequality and the Welfare State: Historical Perspectives (3rd period)
- YMV-A502 Perspectives in Social and Cultural Anthropology 2: (Re)locating anthropological theory: Ethnocentrism(s), Eurocentrism(s) and (De)colocial tensions in the 21st Century (3rd period)

2.5 Sources of Inequalities

- COS-SL303 Sociology of Health, Illness and Medicine (Intensive period in May)
- COS-SL304 Sociology of Food and Health (4th period)
- COS-I402 The Politics of Rights (2nd period)
- SOSM-SL337 Authority of science across political cultures (4th period)
- SOSM-KY304 Digital Inequalities and the Ethical Turn (2nd period)
- SOSM-YP301 Poverty research (1st period)
- SOSM-YP302 Sustainable welfare (4th period)
- SOSM-YP304 Wellbeing and Health (4th period)
- SOSM-YP323 Disability in Global Perspectives (3rd period)
- SOSM-YP325 The Land Question and Sustainable Urban Development (2nd period)
- SOSK-205 Welfare State (2nd period)
- PVM-P306 Political participation and decision-making, only exam in English!
- USP-321 Urban Social Studies (4th period)
- SOSM-328 Challenges of globalization and sustainable development to the measurement of economies and welfare (intensive period before the 3rd period)
- YMK-3305 Classics in Development Studies (3rd period)
- YMK-3304 Cities in the Global South (4th period)
- YMP-3410 Inequality and the Welfare State: Historical Perspectives (3rd periods
- YMP-3404 Presence of the past and memory policy (1st – 2nd periods)
- SOSM-SL330 Concepts and practices of political sociology (4th period)
- SOSM-SL332 Making a City: Urban Politics (2nd period)
- MSV-SL308 Gender and Race (Intensive period in May)

3. Research Skills, 15-35 cr

3 Research Skills, COS-R400

<mark>N.B. Teaching of the Research Skills may annually vary, i.e. not all the courses are taught every year.</mark>

Choose 3-7 courses (á 5 cr)

- COS-R402 Qualitative Research Skills (2nd period)
- SOSM-421 Ethnographic Methods in Sociology (1st – 2nd periods)
- SOSM-411 Qualitative Interviewing in Sociology (1st – 2nd periods)

- SOSM-427 Qualitative Methodology in Social Psychology (3rd period)
- SOSM-430 Practices of Research on Social Interaction (4th period)
- YMA-3207 Anthropological research methods (3rd – 4th periods)
- YMK-3302 Qualitative Methods (2nd period)
- COS-R405 Quantitative Research Skills (1st period)
- COS-R407 Bridging Quantitative and Qualitative Research (3rd period)
- COS-D406 Causal Analysis of Social Data
- COS-D410 Analysis of Complex Surveys
- COS-D411 Data Wrangling and Analysis (2nd period)
- COS-D413 Register Based Research and Data Analysis
- COS-D415 Survey Methodology (1st period)
- COS-D416 Survey Sampling (3rd period)
- COS-D418 Exploratory Methods of Multivariate Data Analysis (4th period)
- COS-D419 Factor Analysis and Structural Equation Models
- COS-D426 Applied Quantitative Research Project (3rd period)
- COS-D428 Missing Data
- COS-D429 Forecasting Social Processes
- COS-D430 Computational Thinking, Programming and Social Science (2nd period)
- COS-D435 Machine Learning for Social Scientists (Intensive period in May)
- COS-D436 Network Analysis for Social Scientists (Intensive period in May)
- COS-D437 Interactive Systems for Social Scientists
- COS-D438 Simulations for Social Scientists
- COS-D439 Collecting Digital Data for Social Scientists
- COS-D441 Statistical natural language processing for social science (3rd – 4th period)
- COS-D442 Self-Organizing map and its applications for social data science (Intensive period in May)

4. Other Studies, 10 cr -20 cr

4.1 Career Skills

Choose 5-15 cr

- COS-601 Traineeship, 5-15 cr
- VALT-601M Career Project, 5-10 cr
- VALT-603M Organizational and Voluntary Work, 5 cr
- VALT-106 Tutoring for Students 5 cr

4.2 Academic Writing 5 cr

Compulsory courses:

- KK-ENG501 Academic Writing 1: Principles and Practice (Master's Students) (CEFR C1), 2 op
- KK-ENG502 Academic Writing 2: Process and Feedback (Master's Students) (CEFR C1) 2 op
- KK-ENG 504 Advanced English: Feedback on Writing (CEFR C1) 1 op

5. Optional Studies, 0-20 cr

Choose 0-20 cr:

- Students can take optional studies from COS programme and/or from other programmes e.g.:
  - Language Courses
  - Courses from other programmes, e.g. sustainability studies (such as SUST-001 Sustainability course, GPC-001 Sustainable Consumption, courses from ENV-440 Multidisciplinary Environmental module, Una Europa Micro-Credential in Sustainability and Climate University module)
  - VALT-604M Optional traineeship, 5 cr
  - VALT-715 Studies completed at institutions of higher education outside Finland
  - VALT-705 Study module accomplished at another Finnish university

N.B! Second national language and foreign language are compulsory for students who have completed their school education in Finland and BA outside Finland!