ELTE TáTK Cultural Anthropology master degree program thesis requirements and standards for final exam

Thesis requirements

Suggested structure and content

Introduction chapter

- 1. Define the research topic, the context, background and rationale for topic selection, purpose of the thesis
- 2. Formulate main research question(s) and hypotheses. (Description of the most important question(s) and hypotheses that the author wants to answer or prove in the thesis.)
- 3. Introduce briefly the methods of the study/research, if necessary
- 4. Describe the structure of the thesis

Development of the research under main- and subheadings Comments:

- 5. Depending on the research topic the structure can be set up according to i) main issues,ii) the logic of exposition or iii) chronological order
- 6. At the start of this part it is recommended to describe the theoretical framework of the topic in detail, the basic concepts, and in the case of empirical research the detailed methods that will be used
- 7. It is necessary to present the most important scientific literature of the subject and if exists the preceding research history, as well
- 8. Answers given to the main research questions, the confirmation or refutation of the hypotheses, as well as the description of remaining open issues can form the last chapter of this part, but these can be also be the part of the summary/conclusions chapter (below)

Summary/Conclusion

- 9. Conclusions and the confirmation or refutation of the hypotheses
- 10. Findings differing from (or strengthening) previous research results
- 11. Description of potential future research options

References Attachments

The author of the thesis has the freedom of scientific research, so if necessary, the structure can differ from the outlined above

Formal requirements

- 1. Use table of contents at the beginning of the thesis
- 2. Design a logical internal structure with coherence throughout your thesis by isolating the individual chapters, sections, subsections with numbering
- 3. Report literature references in the main text
- 4. The main part of the thesis closes with a reference list sorted according to alphabetical order of first author's name. It is required to follow a conventionally used academic practice when listing the used references
- 5. Internet sources are also required to be indicated precisely in the reference list including links and date of access to the link
- 6. The annexes, appendices and documents should be placed at the very end of the thesis
- 7. Place the tables and figures that are essential to understand your research into the main text of the thesis. Each table and figure should have a caption, they must be numbered and the sources of the presented data have to be mentioned
- 8. Use 2.5 cm margins, but on the side of binding use 3.5 cm
- 9. Use 1.5 line spacing
- 10. Use 12 font size (Calibri)
- 11. <u>Minimum 50, maximum 70 pages</u> for the main part of thesis, this does not contain the first page, the table of contents, annexes, appendices, etc.

The first page of your thesis should be structured as follows:



According to the HKR 457/D

ad 81. § (10); 84. §

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.

ELTE TáTK Cultural Anthropology Master final exam topics from 2019/20/1

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 Geerz

10.) Gender roles in Margaret Mead's works