



California Institute of Integral Studies

Master of Arts (MA) in Anthropology and Social Change

Program Learning Outcomes – SCT ANTH MA

Activist Ethnographic Research

1.0 Students train in the activist ethnographic research methodology: an integral anthropological approach that actively includes participants as co-researchers in a reciprocal process of knowledge production and emancipatory co-learning.

- 1.1 Apply activist approach to anthropological research methodology (activist ethnography) focusing on a specific grassroots activist community of knowledge.
- 1.2 Make an original activist ethnographic research contribution to both the discipline of anthropology and the non-academic (grassroots) community of knowledge and practice that is the focus of the research.

Theoretical

2.0 Students will develop theoretical knowledge base in the activist anthropology.

- 2.1 Demonstrates an integrated intellectual grasp of major theories of sociocultural anthropological theory and critical social theory.
- 2.2 Demonstrates ability to critically evaluate and link theoretical ideas to contextualize and address specific issues of political, environmental, or social struggle.
- 2.3 Demonstrates ability to practically apply intellectual and theoretical knowledge.
- 2.4 Critically approaches conventional notions of the social sciences by engaging multiple epistemologies, methodologies, and theories.

Professional Skills

3.0 Students train in professional skills relevant and translatable to work in a variety of settings: educational, non-profit, community and social justice networks.

- 3.1 Confidently applies at least three activist media production skills (e.g., strategic filmmaking, radio production, web publishing and writing/editing).
- 3.2 Confidently applies at least three activist organizing skills (e.g., campaigning, environmental, legal, policy, organizing).
- 3.3 Demonstrates professional integration of marketable attributes and skill sets for application in a variety of social justice or research settings.
- 3.4 Demonstrates ability to write publishable scholarly (peer reviewed) articles and to present original research in a professional capacity.
- 3.5 Able to work in collaborative, multi-cultural contexts while creatively contributing to emancipatory social science.

Anthropological Activist Scholarship

4.0 The MA in Anthropology and Social Change is academically grounded in activist theory, skills, and research; during the course of the program, the student will develop a unique scholarly integration of these areas for practical application in the professional realm of activist anthropology and emerging social movements.

- 4.1 *Compiles a culminating integrative project document containing original, publishable activist research and scholarship.*
- 4.2 *Demonstrates unique activist-scholar integration, applicable to many fields in the realm of social change or doctoral education.*
- 4.3 *Approaches scholarship from a social justice perspective; approaches social justice activism from a social science perspective.*
- 4.4 *Demonstrates ability to create real situations or spaces of contextual translation and creative dialogue between academic knowledge and knowledge held outside of higher education.*