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.