

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GLOBALIZATION: TRANSNATIONALISM AND CULTURE**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The master's programme is a collaborative programme involving the following five departments:

- Department of Industrial Economics and Technology Management
- Department of Historical Studies
- Department of Social Anthropology
- Department of Geography
- Department of Social Work and Health Science

The aim of the programme is to provide students with a general understanding of the forms and impacts of the processes of globalization related to politics and culture.

Globalization and the increased interconnectedness created by the rapid flow of capital, people, goods, images and ideologies across national boundaries require a new set of specialized educational tools. The programme aims at making students understand the complex interactions between the political, economic, cultural and social trends which profoundly affect our daily lives in the contemporary world. The student will gain:

- an interdisciplinary perspective on the implications of globalization on civil society, state power, changing patterns of national culture and global markets and technologies
- a clear understanding of the effects of globalization on key actors in the global arena, such as NGOs, global corporations, international campaigning groups, states or multilateral institutions
- the ability to employ interdisciplinary approaches to the practical challenges posed by globalization through an internship undertaken in a global company or organization

### **Admission requirements**

The master's programme accepts Norwegian and Nordic students, in addition to self-financing international students.

Successful applicants must have achieved a minimum of the equivalent of a C grade (Norwegian grading system) in their undergraduate degree to be accepted onto this Master's programme, in accordance with NTNU regulations.

Students with a BA in Humanities or Social Sciences with a specialization of minimum 80 ECTS credits in a discipline with relevance to the MSc in Globalization's academic components or equivalent from a university or college defined as:

- Political Science
- Sociology
- Social Anthropology
- History

- Geography
- European Studies
- Economics
- Development Studies
- International Relations
- Social Work

English language requirements for international students:

- TOEFL score 600/90 paper based / internet based
- IELTS with 6.5 or better.

### **Career opportunities**

The Master's programme's specialization in Globalization: Transnationalism and Culture is designed to provide its students with the specialist knowledge and transferable skills to pursue careers in global corporations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and international campaigning groups, the civil and diplomatic services or in the media, research and information sectors. By the end of their degree, students will have gained relevant work experience in a global corporation or organization and demonstrated their ability to employ interdisciplinary approaches at both theoretical and practical levels.

### **Study environment**

Students will enjoy an interdisciplinary environment at NTNU and have access to excellent facilities such as a modern library, study rooms and computer labs. Courses from a wide range of disciplines are involved and the globalization students will share experiences with students studying in an interdisciplinary master programme.

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

Through the master's programme the candidate:

#### *Knowledge*

- has obtained advanced knowledge within the field of globalization studies and specialist knowledge within a given area
- has acquired thorough knowledge about the major theories and methods in globalization research
- has obtained knowledge through work in real life situations through the internship.

#### *Skills*

- can work independently with theoretical and practical problem solving and apply relevant and appropriate methods for research and other knowledge production in an independent manner.
- can analyze and critically relate to different sources and types of information and to apply these to structure and formulating academic argument.
- can conduct a limited research project independently, but under supervision and in accordance with existing ethical norms and guidelines.

*General competency*

- has command over the particular discourse and analytical concepts of the globalization research field
- can apply the acquired knowledge and skills to new research areas in order to implement advanced work tasks and projects and is able to disseminate independent work.
- has gained work experience, which is relevant for international organizations and companies.

**PROGRAMME STRUCTURE**

The Master’s programme in Globalization is a two-year programme, which awards a total of 120 ECTS credits, 30 credits per semester over four semesters.

*Programme structure - MSc in Globalization: Transnationalism and Culture*

<b>Term</b>	<b>Course (7,5 cr)</b>	<b>Course (7,5 cr)</b>	<b>Course (7,5 cr)</b>	<b>Course (7,5 cr)</b>
4th sem. (spring)	Master’s Thesis in Globalization <sup>1)</sup>			
3rd sem. (autumn)	Internship <sup>1)</sup>			
2nd sem. (spring)	SANT3508	Elective courses (22,5 cr. from list below)		
1st sem. (autumn)	GEOG3518	HIST3295	GEOG3005 or GEOG3006	GEOG3053

<sup>1)</sup> The course code depends on the departmental belonging of the NTNU supervisor.

*Internship*

The internship provides a unique opportunity for students to develop and build their personal, academic and professional capacities by managing an individual project. The students are responsible for finding an internship on their own, and the internship project should contribute to an interdisciplinary perspective and should be relevant to the needs and requirements of the company/organization. It should lead to the production of a individually written academic assignment, which will be undertaken under the supervision of a supervisor at NTNU, and a corporate or organizational supervisor. The 30 credit assignment (code 3012) should be around 35-40 pages (12 pt, 1.5 line spacing). The student must submit his/her internship assignment to the NTNU supervisor by 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Students are supposed to choose a supervisor from one of the five departments at NTNU.

*Master’s thesis*

The 30 ECTS credit Master’s thesis should be between 50 and 70 pages in length (12 pt, 1.5 spacing). The contents of the thesis should fulfil an academic level appropriate to a Master’s level course. Furthermore, it should relate to the interdisciplinary framework of the taught course element of the Master’s programme. A detailed proposal in the form of a written outline

of the thesis (around 5 pages) should be written in the end of the third semester. The thesis should be written over a 20-week period in the fourth semester. The deadline for submission of the thesis is normally May 1st. Students must have passed all the courses on the Masters programme before submitting the Master's thesis. Students must have passed their Master's thesis in order to present themselves for the 30-minute oral exam related to the Master's thesis. The grade for the Master's thesis may be adjusted after the oral exam. The Globalization, Transnationalism and Culture students will normally write their thesis at NTNU, and may relate its contents to the internship assignment.

Students are supposed to choose a supervisor from one of the five departments at NTNU.

### *Master's thesis agreement*

All students must sign a master's thesis agreement that regulates the relationship between student and supervisor, among other things.

## Course overview

### *Core courses*

Code	Title	Cr.	Term	Admission	Comp.	Pre.
GEOG3005 <sup>2)</sup>	Qualitative Methods	7,5	Autumn	Open	X	X
GEOG3006 <sup>2)</sup>	Quantitative Methods	7,5	Autumn	Open	X	X
GEOG3053	Discourses of Development and Globalization	7,5	Autumn	Open	X	X
GEOG3518	Knowledge Management in a Global Economy	7,5	Autumn	Open	X	X
HIST3295	Contemporary International Economic History	7,5	Autumn	Open	X	X
SANT3508	Globalization, Theory and Culture	7,5	Spring	Open	X	X
1)	Internship / Work Project	30	Autumn	Admission to programme <sup>5)</sup>		
1)	Master's Thesis in Globalization	30	Spring	Admission to programme <sup>5)</sup>		

### *Elective courses*

Code	Title	Cr.	Term	Admission	Comp.	Pre.
GEOG3522	Migration and Development	7,5	Spring	Open	X	X
SARB3511	Immigration, Integration, Diversity I	7,5	Spring	Open	X	
SARB3512	Immigration, integration, Diversity II	15	Spring	Open	X	X
SØK2006	International Trade	7,5	Spring	Open	X	
SØK2007	Development Economics	7,5	Spring	Open	X	
TIØ4261	Green Value Creation and Ethical Perspectives	7,5	Spring	Open	X	
TIØ5215	Global Governance of Sustainable Supply Chains	7,5	Spring	Open	X	

*Codes for the Master's thesis*

<b>Course</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Cr.</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Admission</b>
GEOG3910	Department of Geography	30	Spring	Admission to programme
HIST3910	Department of Historical Studies	30	Spring	Admission to programme
IØ3910	Department of Industrial Economics and Technology Management	30	Spring	Admission to programme
SARB3910	Department of Social Work and Health Science	30	Spring	
SANT3910	Department of Social Anthropology	30	Spring	Admission to programme

*Internship Courses*

<b>Course</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Cr.</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Admission</b>
GEOG3012	Department of Geography	30	Autumn	Admission to programme
HIST3012	Department of Historical Studies	30	Autumn	Admission to programme
IØ3012	Department of Industrial Economics and Technology Management	30	Autumn	Admission to programme
SARB3012	Department of Social Work and Health Science	30	Autumn	Admission to programme
SANT3012	Department of Social Anthropology	30	Autumn	Admission to programme

**Comp.:** The subject's compulsory activity must be passed to sit the exam.

**Pre.:** Prerequisites must be satisfied to be able to enroll in this subject.

You are advised to read the course description for more information: [www.ntnu.edu/studies/courses](http://www.ntnu.edu/studies/courses)

<sup>1)</sup> The course code depends on the departmental belonging of the NTNU supervisor.

<sup>2)</sup> Students can choose either GEOG3005 or GEOG3006. If both courses are completed, the additional one will be added as an elective.