



## ACEP32, Asian Studies: Asian Studies, 6 credits

*Asienstudier: Asienstudier, 6 högskolepoäng*

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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### Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies Educational board on 2017-12-11 to be valid from 2017-12-11, spring semester 2018.

### General Information

The course is a compulsory component of the Master of Science programme in Asian Studies, 120 credits, and is the first course of semester 1. It is also offered as a freestanding course.

*Language of instruction:* English

*Main field of studies*

Asian Studies

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### Learning outcomes

For a Pass on the course, the student shall be able to

#### Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate knowledge of the interdisciplinary field of Asian Studies
- demonstrate an understanding of how the knowledge base in area studies in general and Asian studies in particular is mutable and contested

### **Competence and skills**

- account for current interdisciplinary research about Asian Studies
- identify, compare and analyse social, economic, political and cultural development in present-day Asia
- systematically integrate knowledge, handle complexity and formulate judgments in relation to Asian Studies
- apply skills in academic writing

### **Judgement and approach**

- critically and independently pursue analytical arguments in speech and writing
- apply a critical and comparative perspective on research about present-day Asia

### **Course content**

The course is a critical, comparative and interdisciplinary introduction to studies of Asian societies. It deals with method issues that are related to area studies in general and Asian Studies in particular. The course provides the student with an overview of Asian Studies by means of key social sciences and humanities concepts and approaches, and a specialised study of Asia's societies by emphasising the shifting context and content of the knowledge involved. It adopts a critical perspective on western knowledge formation about Asia. Furthermore, the course includes discussion and analysis of new theories and perspectives that have emerged from studies of Asian societies and that have queried and enriched western social sciences, e.g. theories of post-colonialism and subalternity. The course also includes perspectives from post-modernism and gender studies equipping the students with tools to analyse present-day Asian societies and a specialised awareness of the underlying issues of power and representativeness.

### **Course design**

The teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

Unless there are valid reasons to the contrary, compulsory participation is required in seminars. Students who have been unable to participate due to circumstances such as accidents or sudden illness will be offered the opportunity to compensate for or retake compulsory components. This also applies to students who have been absent because of duties as an elected student representative.

### **Assessment**

The assessment is based on an individual written take-home exam (4 credits) and a group assignment to be presented in writing (2 credits).

The course includes opportunities for assessment at a first examination, a re-sit close to the first examination and a second re-sit exam for courses completed in the past academic year. Two further re-examinations on the same course content are offered within a year of a major change or discontinuation of the course. After this, further re-examination opportunities are offered but in accordance with the current course syllabus.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

*Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.*

## **Grades**

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

The grade for a non-passing result is Fail. The student's performance is assessed with reference to the learning outcomes of the course. For the grade of E, the student must show sufficient results. For the grade of D the student must show satisfactory results. For the grade of C the student must show good results. For the grade of B the student must show very good results. For the grade of A, the student must show excellent results. For the grade of Fail the student must have shown unacceptable results.

The group assignment to be presented in writing is exempted from the grading scale above. The grade awarded for this component is Pass or Fail. For the grade of Pass, the student must show acceptable results. For the grade of Fail the student must have shown unacceptable results.

The grade of the whole course is determined by the student's result on the individual take-home exam.

At the start of the course, students are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus and about the grading scale and how it is applied on the course.

## **Entry requirements**

To be admitted to the course, the student must be admitted to the Master of Science programme in Asian Studies, 120 credits. To take the course as a freestanding course, the student must have a Bachelor's degree in social sciences, humanities, economics or law.

Oral and written language proficiency in English equivalent to English 6/B from Swedish upper secondary school is a requirement. International qualifications will be assessed in accordance with national guidelines.

A general exemption from the requirement of proficiency in Swedish is applied.

### **Further information**

The course may not be included in a degree together with ACEP31, Asian Studies: Introduction to Asian Studies, 6.0 credits.

## Subcourses in ACEP32, Asian Studies: Asian Studies

Applies from V18

- 1701 Individual Written Take-Home Exam, 4,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 1702 Written Group Assignment, 2,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass