ARKM02, Archaeology and Ancient History: Master's (One Year) Thesis. Level 4, 15 credits

Arkeologi och antikens historia: Examensarbete för magisterexamen, 15 högskolepoäng
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-

General Information

This course is a compulsory course in a Master’s (One Year) degree in Archaeology. It
is offered as a single course. It can normally be included as part of a general degree at
the undergraduate or graduate levels. With the approval of the relevant
authenticating body, it can also be included in certain professional degrees.
Teaching language: Swedish or English.

Main field of studies
Archaeology

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements
A1E, Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (60 credits)

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding
- demonstrate insights into and the ability to develop and discuss theoretical and
methodological issues found in research into the student’s selected area of
specialisation, as well as into the main field of study,
- be able to demonstrate in-depth knowledge of methods applied in the student’s
selected area of specialisation,
Competence and skills

- be able to apply advanced methods of research and new scholarly literature from within the selected area of specialisation,
- demonstrate an ability to identify and formulate research questions and be able to plan and carry out specialised assignments within a given time frame and using suitable methods,
- be able to discuss and give a clear oral and written account of his/her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments behind them, in a dialogue with different groups,
- be able to compose and defend a scholarly thesis which contributes to existing knowledge and research into the discipline, in an autonomous manner,
- be able to evaluate methods from within the student’s selected area of specialisation,
- be able to discuss critically and autonomously the degree project of another student at a seminar,

Judgement and approach

- demonstrate an ability to make assessments within the main field of study, taking into account relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects, and demonstrate an awareness of the ethical aspects of research and development work,
- demonstrate insight into the potential and limitations of science, its role in society and people’s responsibility for how it is used,
- demonstrate an ability to identify his/her own need for further knowledge and take responsibility for his/her own development of knowledge.

Course content

The course consists of the composition of a degree project in which the student analyses autonomously a selected research area and applies relevant methods and theories. Students select an area of specialisation in consultation with their examiner, which should be from within one of the four areas of the discipline: Archaeology, Historical Archaeology, Classical Archaeology and Ancient History and Historical Osteology. The students are then assigned a tutor competent in their selected area. The degree project should contribute to existing knowledge in the selected area of specialisation and is later defended at a public seminar.

Course design

Teaching consists of seminars and tutoring. The degree project is discussed and defended at a seminar. Performance in this seminar, which includes giving formal critique on the degree project of another student, contributes to the final grade. Participation in seminars and tutoring is compulsory.

Assessment

Examination takes the form of a degree project which is discussed and defended at a seminar. Formal critique given on the degree project of another student is also assessed.
Passed degree projects at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology can be registered in the LUP Student Papers database if the student so wishes. The student is responsible for uploading the passed degree project as a PDF file in LUP student papers.

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

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

Entry requirements

To be eligible for the course requires the successful completion of ARKX31, ARKX32, HOSK01, AKSX31, ARKK01, or the equivalent.

Further information

1. Students are expected to write their degree project within the same area of specialisation as their Bachelor’s degree essay.
2. The course replaces sub-course 1 in HOS405. It also replaces in part HOSM01, Historical Osteology, Master’s (One Year) Thesis.
3. The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.
Subcourses in ARKM02, Archaeology and Ancient History: Master’s (One Year) Thesis. Level 4

Applies from V08

0701 Essay, 15,0 hp
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