



Faculty of Social Sciences

## CMEN06, Middle Eastern Studies: Individual Methods Course, 7.5 credits

*Mellanösternstudier: Individuell metodkurs, 7,5 högskolepoäng*  
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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### Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by Center for Middle Eastern Studies Board on 2018-02-02 to be valid from 2018-09-03, autumn semester 2018.

### General Information

The course is a compulsory component of the third semester of the Master of Science (120 credits) programme in Middle Eastern Studies, 120 credits.

*Language of instruction:* English

*Main field of studies*

Middle Eastern Studies

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

A1F, Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### Learning outcomes

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

#### Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate specialised knowledge of the main principles for collecting, systematising and reporting empirical material, based on relevant methodological knowledge
- demonstrate specialised knowledge of basic principles of research ethics in the humanities and social sciences generally and in Middle Eastern Studies specifically

#### Competence and skills

- demonstrate a specialised ability to delimit and account for a specific methodological approach, applicable to research on the Middle East

- demonstrate a specialised ability to systematically collect empirical material, in a nuanced and critical way, with reference to relevant methodological theory

### **Judgement and approach**

- demonstrate a specialised ability to apply research ethics to assess and methodologically manage intersectional power aspects in their own research
- demonstrate a specialised ability in writing to critically discuss the presentation of collected empirical material as well as to methodologically interrogate the data collection process

### **Course content**

The course aims to enable the students to engage in specialised study of relevant methodological literature applicable to

a chosen research field for the degree project. A further aim is to provide students with a methodological specialisation for the Middle Eastern Studies course: Field Work 15 credits. The course provides students with the opportunity to practise data collection, processing, critical assessment and preliminary analysis of methodological assignments that are included in a specific research project that students implement in the field work course. All methods of collecting relevant data require a conscious and critical approach. Students are to reflect on methodology and methods for data collection.

### **Course design**

The teaching consists of individual supervision.

### **Assessment**

The course is assessed through a written take-home exam based on a chosen research field. The take-home exam consists of a critical review of relevant methodological literature.

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 (catch-up exam). Two further re-takes 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 highest grade is A and the lowest grade for a Pass is E. The designation for a Fail grade is U.

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 acceptable 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 have shown unacceptable results.

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, students must be admitted to the Master's programme in Middle Eastern Studies (120 credits) and have completed courses in semesters 1 and 2 of the programme amounting to 60 credits, or the equivalent.

## **Further information**

The course replaces MOSN17 Middle Eastern Studies: Individual Methods Course, 7.5 credits.

## Subcourses in CMEN06, Middle Eastern Studies: Individual Methods Course

Applies from H18

1801 Individual Methods Course, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A