HOSK04, Historical Osteology: B. A. Course - Level 3, 30 credits

Historisk osteologi: Kandidatkurs, 30 högskolepoäng
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval
The syllabus was approved by the pro-dean for first-cycle studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2012-02-15 and was last revised on 2016-06-02. The revised syllabus applies from 2016-06-02, autumn semester 2016.

General Information
The course is offered as a freestanding course. It can normally be included in a first or second cycle degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies
Historical Osteology

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements
G2E, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements, contains degree project for BA/BSc

Learning outcomes
On completion of the course, students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding
- provide a basic account of theories and methods of research, focusing on aspects that are key to the main field of historical osteology
- refer to important currents in historical osteology research and describe the conditions enabling knowledge within historical osteology
- account for points of departure and execution of historical osteology research

Competence and skills

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• independently apply a scholarly approach by discerning, formulating and
discussing research issues from different angles and proposing solutions
• demonstrate a good ability to critically review their own and others' texts and to
express themselves with good stylistic ability in speech and writing, especially
within academic genres
• independently perform specific information searches, analyse and critically
interpret the information and present it in the standard manner of the main field
• plan, execute and evaluate a written research assignment within predetermined
time frames
• communicate knowledge and research results of historical osteology in an
informative way
• apply basic methodology of archaeological investigations

Judgement and approach
• consider theoretical, methodological and ethical issues in their studies, research
and professional life
• take a position on and assess the role of historical osteology in society
• provide perspectives on issues of gender, ethnicity and diversity

Course content
The course consists of three modules aiming to provide students with a deeper
understanding of the entire research process of historical osteology. One module
presents a theoretical, methodological and ethical foundation for research. The
degree project consists of independent processing of an issue in historical osteology.
A third, practically oriented, component focuses on methods of archaeological
investigations.

The course consists of the following modules:

1. Theory, Method and Ethics, 5 credits,
2. Degree Project, 15 credits,
3. Archaeology in Practice, 10 credits.
For practical reasons, the courses may be taught in a different order.

Course design
The teaching consists of fieldwork, group exercises, lectures, seminars and individual
supervision of the degree project. Seminars (approximately 5-10), fieldwork and
group exercises are compulsory. Supervision is normally limited to the semester when
the student was first registered on the course. Exceptions can be made if there are
special grounds. (This rule applies to students starting their studies from 1 August
2016).

Assessment
The assessment of module 1 is normally based on written assignments. The
assessment of module 2 is based on the execution of the degree project and activity
at the seminars. The degree project is to be discussed and defended at a seminar. This
seminar is part of the assessment. The assessment is also based on the students’ critical review of another degree project. The assessment of module 3 is normally based on oral and written assignments. Other forms of assessment may be applied in modules 1 and 3, subject to a special agreement with the students.

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.
For a grade of Pass on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade on all modules. For a grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade on the degree project and at least a grade of Pass on the other modules.

The grades awarded for module 3 are Pass or Fail.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have passed HOSA01 Historical Osteology: Zooarchaeology and HOSA03 Historical Osteology: Human Osteology and Bioarchaeology or the equivalent.

Further information

1. 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.
2. The course is offered at the Department of Archaeology and Ancient History, Lund University.
3. Module titles in Swedish:
   1. Teori, metod och etik
   2. Examensarbete
   3. Arkeologi i praktiken

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Subcourses in HOSK04, Historical Osteology: B. A. Course - Level 3

Applies from V12

1201 Theory, Methods and Ethics, 5,0 hp
   Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
1202 Bachelor’s Thesis, 15,0 hp
   Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
1203 Archaeology in Practice, 10,0 hp
   Grading scale: Fail, Pass

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