

MOSM03, Middle Eastern Studies: Master's (Two Years) Thesis, 30 credits

Mellanösternstudier: Masteruppsats, 30 högskolepoäng
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2012-06-20 to be valid from 2012-06-20, autumn semester 2012.

General Information

The course is offered as part of the Master's programme in Middle Eastern Studies (MESLU) at the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Middle Eastern Studies

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A2E, Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits)

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to describe the various elements of the research process and demonstrate familiarity with the formal and linguistic requirements of academic reporting
- be able to account in detail for key concepts, theories and issues in the field of Middle Eastern studies, including both an overview of the field and in-depth knowledge of the specific parts of the field addressed in the degree project
- be able to describe orally and in detail the starting points, choice of method and principles of analysis for their own research
- be able to describe other students' theoretical and methodological starting points and provide constructive input to the development of their research projects

Competence and skills

- be able to plan, formulate and carry out an independent, in-depth and thorough research assignment in Middle Eastern studies within the time frame allocated
- be able to apply advanced theory to issues in their own research; gather, process and interpret data on the Middle East in a methodologically insightful manner; and draw conclusions based on their own results and related to previous research and theory
- be able to provide ongoing skilful and constructive criticism of other students' draft projects, and plan and carry out a peer review of a completed research project skilfully and objectively

Judgement and approach

- be able to evaluate the methods, theoretical basis and results of their own research in relation to the wider research field
- be able to listen to and take on board objective criticism of their own research.

Course content

The aim of the course is for the students to practise planning and carrying out an advanced research assignment in good English that independently and intentionally relates and contributes to the research in the chosen area within Middle Eastern studies.

At the end of the semester, examination seminars are held, at which students review one another's essays and receive comments from the examiner. After the examination seminar, students have one week to make final revisions before the essay is graded.

Course design

Teaching takes the form of individual supervision, 3-4 compulsory methodology seminars and a compulsory final seminar.

Assessment

Assessment is based partly on the completed essay (80%) and partly on active participation in discussions at the methodology seminars (10%) and review of another student's essay (10%).

Passed degree projects at the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies 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, E, D, C, B, A.

The highest grade is A and the lowest grade for a pass is E. Students who fail receive the grade F.

Grading scale

A = 92-100 % of the total marks available

B = 84-92 % of the total marks available

C = 76-84 % of the total marks available

D = 68-76 % of the total marks available

E = 60-68 % of the total marks available

F = 0-59 % of the total marks available.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have passed all the courses in semesters 1 and 2 of MESLU and at least 22.5 credits from the individual courses in semester 3 of MESLU.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University.

Subcourses in MOSM03, Middle Eastern Studies: Master's (Two Years) Thesis

Applies from V12

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Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A