



**MOSN06, Middle Eastern Studies: Environment and Sustainable Development in the Middle East, 7.5 credits**  
*Mellanösternstudier: Miljö och hållbar utveckling i Mellanöstern,*  
*7,5 högskolepoäng*  
**Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå**

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2012-05-14 to be valid from 2012-05-14, autumn semester 2012.

### **General Information**

The course is included as an elective course in the Master of Arts programme in Middle Eastern Studies (MESLU) at the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies. The course is also offered as a free-standing course and can be included in first- or second-cycle degree.

*Language of instruction:* English

*Main field of studies*

Middle Eastern Studies

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

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

### **Learning outcomes**

On completion of the course the student shall

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- be able to provide an account of the processes that govern and influence the sustainable use of natural resources and the environment which can contribute to sustainable social development in the Middle East
- be able to describe the social and economic contexts in which current environmental conditions in the Middle East are to be found, and to relate these contexts to the way in which natural resources were used in the past

- be able to explain the basic concepts of sustainability theory such as economic, environmental, cultural and political perspectives

### **Competence and skills**

- be able to identify, analyse and reflect on basic water and land resource problems as well as industrial processes which affect the environment
- be able to analyse transnational processes for water and natural resources and the way in which these are reflected in economic and social development
- be able to identify and understand general and specific use of land and water resources currently and in a more long term perspective in relation to sustainability theories including economic, social, political and environmental conditions

### **Judgement and approach**

- be able to from a critical approach analyse relevant development phenomena in connection with land and water resource management, applying key theoretical concepts of sustainability
- be able to formulate ideas for research assignments regarding the sustainable exploitation of land and water resources and possible connections with the fight against poverty and conflict in the Middle East.

### **Course content**

The course covers basic issues in the environmental effects of the exploitation and management of natural resources and their significance for political, social and economic conditions.

Through individual course work, the students will work on the critical assessment of current use of land and water resources and associated problems with the environment and sustainable development. The course also introduces methods for evaluating land and water use and alternative methods as well as preparing students to use sustainability theory in roles as decision-makers, policymakers, teachers and practitioners, in public authorities, industry and NGOs.

The course is organised around a series of lectures which deal with the environmental effects of water and land use and related operational methods. A special part of the course covers private initiatives for dealing with poverty reduction and environmental issues. The lectures are connected to seminars and project work in which current environmental and sustainability issues are analysed. Students are encouraged to independently look for, analyse and synthesise reading material. The course is summarised in a major individual project.

### **Course design**

Teaching consists of lectures and compulsory seminars (approx. 6).

## Assessment

Individual assessment is based on active participation in seminars and two continuous written assignments to be handed in, connected to the course's various components, as well as a final written assignment.

*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 passing grade is E. The grade for a non-passing result is F.

Scale of grades:

A = 92 - 100 % of total points

B = 84 - 92 % of total points

C = 76 - 84 % of total points

D = 68 - 76 % of total points

E = 60 - 68 % of total points

F = 0 - 59 % of total points.

All assessed course components are graded.

## Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have 90 credits (Bachelor's degree level) or equivalent knowledge as well as English B from Swedish upper secondary school or the equivalent.

## Further information

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

## Subcourses in MOSN06, Middle Eastern Studies: Environment and Sustainable Development in the Middle East

Applies from V12

1201 Environment and Sustainable Development in the ME, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A