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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

AKSN04, Classical Archaeology and Ancient History: Rome - the Risks of Living in an Ancient Metropolis, 15 credits

Antikens kultur och samhällsliv: Fokus Rom - den antika storstaden som riskmiljö, 15 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2011-01-24 to be valid from 2011-01-24, autumn semester 2011.

General Information

The course is offered as a free-standing course and can normally be included as part of a first- or second-cycle degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish

The course is normally taught in Swedish. It can be taught in English if an agreement is reached by both the teacher and the students. Such an agreement would depend on both the lecturer and the students having a good knowledge of English.

Main field of studies

Classical Archaeology and Ancient History

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 explain how and to what extent the Roman metropolis may have constituted a risk environment from the point of view of population development, social interaction, health etc.
- be able to discuss the degree of risk perception in Roman society
- be able to account for the source material used to accumulate knowledge on the subject

Competence and skills

- be able to apply different theories and methods for different types of material and issues related to the subject
- be able to apply methods for finding specialised literature, harnessing knowledge of subject-related bibliographical sources

Judgement and approach

- be able to assess risk factors in present-day Western and other metropolises from the perspective of history and the knowledge acquired during the course
- be able to discern and assess multidisciplinary dimensions of the study of Antiquity.

Course content

The course introduces the ancient metropolis as a risk environment. On the basis of historical sources and inscriptions, objects and images from the period, a number of risk factors for the population of the Roman metropolis are studied: population development, health conditions, personal safety, labour and housing market, municipal administration, water and food supply and the traffic situation. The course starts with an overview of current risk research and its theoretical foundations.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and compulsory group exercises and seminars.

Assessment

The assessment is based on a written exam and oral and written presentations at the seminars.

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 admitted to the course students must have passed 90 credits, of which 60 credits must be in Classical Archaeology and Ancient History or 30 credits in first-cycle Latin.

Further information

1. The subject of the course is most closely associated with Classical Archaeology and Ancient History, but Latin is relevant for the study of some of the source material (literary texts and inscriptions, in translation or in the original).
2. 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 AKSN04, Classical Archaeology and Ancient History: Rome -
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Applies from H10

1101 Examination, 15,0 hp
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