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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

ARAH28, Middle Eastern Studies: Kurdistan - History and Political Development, 10 credits

*Mellanösternkunskap: Kurdistan - historia och politisk utveckling,
10 högskolepoäng*
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2013-12-16 to be valid from 2013-12-16, spring semester 2014.

General Information

The course is offered as a freestanding course and can be included as part of a first or second cycle degree.

Teaching language: Swedish or English.

Main field of studies

Middle Eastern Studies

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the students shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to give an account of the history and political development of Kurdistan
- be able to give an account of how the political development of Kurdistan is integrated in the regional and global context

Competence and skills

- be able to analyse events and circumstances, such as those of politics and society, in the history and political development of Kurdistan

- be able to analyse materials of relevance to the study of the history and political development of Kurdistan, e.g. historical documents
- be able to analyse local, transnational, regional and international situations of conflict and cooperation in Kurdistan
- be able to formulate and analyse research issues emerging from the study of the history and political development of Kurdistan
- be able to demonstrate good proficiency oral and written communication

Judgement and approach

- be able to evaluate different relevant events and processes in the history and political development of Kurdistan.

Course content

The course deals with the historical background of recent political developments in the geographical territory of Kurdistan. The study of the historical development focuses on the Ottoman period and the nation-building process following World War I and the consequences of this process for Kurdistan. One of the most important and crucial consequences was the division of Kurdistan into several Middle Eastern countries. The course addresses the issue of the Kurds in these different countries, emphasising the variations in the complex development trajectories that have characterised the political development of Kurdistan in the last 100 years.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and at least two seminar and group exercises. Participation in the seminar and group exercises is compulsory and assessed.

Assessment

The assessment is based on a written exam at the end of the course and active participation in the compulsory seminar and group exercises. Active participation accounts for 30 per cent of the final grade on the course.

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 course ARAH16 Regional Security in the Middle East and ARAH18 Term Paper, 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 Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.

Subcourses in ARAH28, Middle Eastern Studies: Kurdistan - History and Political Development

Applies from H13

1301 Kurdistan - History and Political Development, 10,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction