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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **ARKA31, Archaeology: Level 1, 30 credits** *Arkeologi: Grundkurs, 30 högskolepoäng* First Cycle / Grundnivå

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2023-06-13 to be valid from 2023-09-01, spring semester 2024.

### **General Information**

The course is offered as a freestanding course and can be included in a general degree at both first and second-cycle level.

*Language of instruction:* Swedish  
Some components may be taught in English.

*Main field of studies*

Archaeology

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

### **Learning outcomes**

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to:

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- account for the fundamental features of the history of ideas and theory of knowledge of archaeology,
- account for basic archaeological methods,
- on a general level account for culture, society and economics during the Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age and Viking Age in Scandinavia with perspectives in Northern Europe and the rest of the world,
- account for key issues in the research on the Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age and Viking age within and outside Scandinavia,

#### **Competence and skills**

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This is a translation of the course syllabus approved in Swedish

- identify, classify and analyse characteristic archaeological material from the Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age and Viking Age in Scandinavia,

### **Judgement and approach**

- assess culture-historical interpretations using a source-critical approach.

### **Course content**

The course consists of the following modules:

1. Archaeological Perspectives and Methods, 7.5 credits
2. Scandinavian and European Archaeology: The Stone Age, 7.5 credits
3. Scandinavian and European Archaeology: The Bronze Age, 7.5 credits
4. Scandinavian and European Archaeology; The Iron Age and the Viking Age, 7.5 credits

The first module introduces students to archaeology as a discipline. It covers the development of the history of ideas and theory of knowledge of archaeology, and provides an overview of key archaeological methods. Three modules follow that provide basic knowledge of archaeology in the Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age and Viking Age in Scandinavia, with perspectives in Northern Europe and the rest of the world. Here students encounter central themes in current research and current culture-historical interpretations, and learn to identify and classify the material culture that forms the basis for our knowledge of the periods. Practical components are included such as field trips and work with archaeological objects.

### **Course design**

Teaching consists of lectures, seminars (approximately 5), laboratory sessions (approximately 15), study visits (approximately 5) and field trips (approximately 5).

All components are compulsory. Compulsory attendance implies participation in at least 80% of the teaching components in each module. If the total participation is between 70 and 80%, the student must complete a supplementary assignment according to the lecturer's instructions to receive a grade of Pass for the module.

If participation is lower than 70%, the module will not be awarded a final grade, and the student will be instructed to repeat the module on a space available basis. However, if a student has been unable to participate due to circumstances beyond their control, for example due to an accident, sudden illness or similar, they will be given the opportunity to complete one or more supplementary assignments according to the lecturer's instructions to receive a grade of Pass for the module. This also applies to students participating in activities in an elected position as a student representative.

### **Assessment**

Assessment of module 1 is based on a written take-home exam.

Assessment of module 2 is based on a written take-home exam and an invigilated written exam with artifacts.

Assessment of module 3 is based on a written take-home exam and an invigilated written exam with artifacts.

Assessment of module 4 is based on a written take-home exam and an invigilated

written exam with artifacts.

The examiner may deviate from the regular form of examination if it cannot be implemented during a retake, provided that this is compatible with the course syllabus. Information about retakes is to be available at the beginning of the course.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

*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 the grade of Pass on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade for all modules. For a grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade on at least 15 credits and a grade of Pass on the remaining credits.

## Entry requirements

General and studies equivalent of the courses History 1b or 1a1 + 1a2 and Social Studies 1b or 1a1 + 1a2 from Swedish Upper Secondary School.

## Further information

- The course is offered at the Department of Archaeology and Ancient History, Lund University.
- The course replaces ARKA21.
- The number of credits allocated for course content that is shared in whole or in part with another course can only be credited once for a degree.
- For further details, see current registration and information materials.
- Module names in Swedish:
  1. Arkeologiska perspektiv och metoder,
  2. Skandinaviens och Europas arkeologi, stenålder,
  3. Skandinaviens och Europas arkeologi, bronsålder,
  4. Skandinaviens och Europas arkeologi, järnålder och vikingatid,

## Subcourses in ARKA31, Archaeology: Level 1

Applies from V24

- 2401 Module 1: Archaeological Perspectives and Methods, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 2402 Module 2: Stone Age, take-home exam, 6,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 2403 Module 2: Stone Age, artefact exam, 1,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 2404 Module 3: Bronze Age, take-home exam, 6,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 2405 Module 3: Bronze Age, artefact exam, 1,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 2406 Module 4: Iron Age and Viking Age, take-home exam, 6,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 2407 Module 4: Iron Age and Viking Age, artefact exam, 1,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction