

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

ARKN07, The Archaelogy of Social Identities, 15 credits

Arkeologi och antikens historia: Arkeologi och social identitet, 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 2011-01-17 to be valid from 2011-01-17, spring semester 2011.

General Information

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

Language of instruction: English

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

Main field of studies Depth of study relative to the degree

requirements

Historical Osteology A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle

course/s as entry requirements

Archaeology A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle

course/s as entry requirements

Historical Archaeology A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle

course/s as entry requirements

Archaeology and Ancient History 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 categorise social identities of the past with reference to cultural identity, gender, hierarchy and age
- be able to reflect on the social identities manifested by archaeological source material, images and texts
- be able to explain how social identities may have been generated in the past

Competence and skills

- be able to independently analyse archaeological source material to gain information on social identities
- be able to account for the relevant methods for this kind of analysis of archaeological source material
- be able to write and defend a second-cycle written assignment on social identities

Judgement and approach

- be able to relate archaeological findings to discussions of the use of cultural heritage for present-day identities
- be able to study how human identity is represented in archaeological texts and exhibitions from different perspectives.

Course content

The course provides an introduction to sociological theory and anthropological interpretations of social identity. During the course human beings are studied from a biological and cultural point of view with a focus on fundamental social and psychological needs and their manifestations in material culture. Special emphasis is placed on the dynamics of individuals and groups, relationships between people, objects and landscapes, the social organisation of insiders and outsiders and the hierarchical order in and between groups.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and compulsory seminars.

Assessment

The assessment is normally based on written assignments and oral presentations but subject to an agreement other forms of examination may occur.

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 the course ARKK01 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.

Subcourses in ARKN07, The Archaelogy of Social Identities

Applies from H10

1101 Examination, 15,0 hp Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction