

ARKN31, Archaeology and Ancient History: Independent Advanced Study Course, 15 credits

*Arkeologi och antikens historia: Självtändig fördjupningskurs på avancerad nivå,
15 högskolepoäng*
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2026-06-01 (U 2026/269). The syllabus comes into effect 2026-06-01 and is valid from the spring semester 2027.

General information

The course is included as an elective course in the Master's programme in Archaeology and Ancient History – Theory and Practice, HAAA. The course is offered twice during the programme but can only be taken once. The course is also offered as a freestanding course. The course may be included in a general degree at first-cycle studies or at advanced level.

Language of instruction: English

The course is normally taught in English but may also, by special agreement between the teaching staff member and the students, be taught in Swedish. Such an agreement requires that the teaching staff member and all students are proficient in Swedish.

Main field of study

Archaeology and Ancient History with specialization in Historical Archaeology

Archaeology and Ancient History with specialization in Classical Archaeology and Ancient History

Archaeology and Ancient History

Archaeology and Ancient History with specialization in Archaeology

Specialisation

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Archaeology and Ancient History with specialization in Historical Osteology

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Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course, the student should

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to describe the main features of a selected research area based on academic literature within the fields of archaeology and ancient history

Competence and skills

- be able to independently analyse and critically assess the content of academic literature
- be able to discuss, both orally and in writing, the problem areas of the selected literature as well as its methodological and theoretical perspectives

Judgement and approach

- be able to critically evaluate perspectives and methodological choices in published research
- be able, through reflection, to specify one's need for further knowledge and identify different ways of acquiring new knowledge

Course content

The course explores one or more key areas of research within archaeology and the history of antiquity in depth. In consultation with the teaching staff member, the student selects literature within an area previously studied during first-cycle studies. Students develop an in-depth, critical ability to evaluate academic literature. The literature studied is research-based and is read critically in relation to the individual researcher's methodological and theoretical choices.

Course design

The course consists mainly of independent literature studies. Teaching takes the form of an introductory planning meeting and one or two follow-up meetings of a supervisory nature.

Assessment

The course is assessed through the student presenting and discussing their reading of the selected literature, both orally and in writing. Presentations must be aimed at an academic audience.

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.

Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

Entry requirements

Admission to the course requires completion of a Bachelor's-level course, including a Bachelor's thesis, in Archaeology (ARKK04, 30 credits), Ancient Culture and Society (AKSK04, 30 credits), Historical Archaeology (ARKH04, 30 credits) or Historical Osteology (HOSK04, 30 credits), or equivalent knowledge, as well as English 6/English Level 2.

Further information

- The course is taught at the Department of Archaeology and Ancient History, Lund University.
- This course replaces ARKN19.
- Credit points for course content that is wholly or partly shared with another course may only be counted once towards a degree.
- For further information, please refer to the current application and information material.