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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **BBHB52, Book History: History of the Library, 7.5 credits**

*Bokhistoria: Bibliotekens historia, 7,5 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 2020-03-10 to be valid from 2020-03-10, autumn semester 2020.

### **General Information**

The course is offered as a freestanding course. It can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

*Language of instruction:* Swedish

*Main field of studies*

Cultural Sciences with specialization in Book History

*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**

- provide a general account of the history of libraries and book collecting in the West from Antiquity to the present day
- provide a general account of the different principles for the organisation of libraries and book collections throughout the history
- account for how libraries have functioned as a power resource and as an institution of learning
- account for how changes to social conditions have been reflected in the roles, function and use of the libraries

### **Competence and skills**

- highlight the history of libraries and book collections, primarily in the West, through examples and based on existing research
- critically analyse and discuss the historical changes to libraries and information management
- critically analyse and compare the function and use of libraries from a historical perspective

### **Judgement and approach**

- relate the symbolic value of libraries to a social context
- assess the conditions for book collecting with regard to gender and social construction throughout history
- evaluate the social preconditions for access to libraries as a source of information and knowledge, from a historical perspective.

### **Course content**

The course provides students with basic knowledge of the preconditions, purpose and function of libraries and book collecting from Antiquity to the present day. The course covers the significance of private and public book collections as a power resource and public utility. The conditions for collecting, describing, preserving and providing books are studied. The symbolic value of libraries throughout the history is discussed.

### **Course design**

The course is offered entirely as a distance learning course, supported by an online learning platform and/or digital tools. Optional meetings on campus may occur. Students are required to participate according to these conditions, and to have access to a computer with an internet connection. Participation in group discussions is compulsory. The department will provide information about the technical requirements.

### **Assessment**

The assessment of the course is based on active participation in group discussions and on two written individual assignments.

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.  
Assessment of the course is based on one shorter and one longer written assignment.  
For the grade of Pass with Distinction on the course, the student must have been awarded the grade of Pass with Distinction on the longer assignment.

## **Entry requirements**

General requirements for university studies in Sweden

## **Further information**

1. The course is offered at the Department of Arts and Cultural Sciences, Lund University.
2. The course may be studied as Module 2 in BBHA15 Book History: Level 1 and, together with freestanding courses BBHB51, BBHB53 and BBHB54 may be combined to comprise Level 1 in Book History.
3. 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 BBHB52, Book History: History of the Library

Applies from H20

2001 History of the Library, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction