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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

BBHR02, Book History: Palaeography, 7.5 credits
Bokhistoria: Paleografi, 7,5 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 2011-03-02 and was last revised on 2023-03-20. The revised syllabus applies from 2023-03-20, autumn semester 2023.

General Information

Subject: Book History

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

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

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Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

- account for the development of the Latin script up to circa 1800
- provide a basic account of the historiography, theories and methods of palaeography and codicology
- provide a basic account of classical and medieval book history

Competence and skills

- identify old manuscripts in the most important classical and medieval scripts
- read and reproduce old manuscripts in 16th and 18th century scripts
- make simple chronological and geographical assessments of handwritten material

- account for and discuss the practice of palaeography

Judgement and approach

- discuss in speech and writing relevant issues concerning the relation between script and culture
- independently discuss relevant issues of manuscripts as sources

Course content

The course provides students with a general introduction to the history and development of Western scripts and to the methods of palaeography and codicology. The emphasis is placed on actual literacy. The course also deals with issues of writing materials and book types, and with classical and medieval book production, both in theory and practice.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures, seminars, and exercises. Active participation in at least five out of the nine group exercises is mandatory. If a student has not completed a mandatory exercise due to a sudden accident or illness, each mandatory group exercise that is not completed will be replaced with a written assignment.

Assessment

The course is examined through a written assignment with peer review and an in-class exam.

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.

To receive a grade of Pass with Distinction (VG) in the course, a grade of VG is required on both the written assignment and the in-class exam.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, the student must have a Bachelors' degree or 90 credits in any subject or the equivalent, and Swedish, level B.

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 Department of Arts and Cultural Sciences, Lund University.

Subcourses in BBHR02, Book History: Palaeography

Applies from H23

2301 Palaeography, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

Applies from H12

1001 Palaeography, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction