



**LUND**  
UNIVERSITY

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **HISB04, History: International Contemporary History, 15 credits**

*Historia: Internationell samtidshistoria, 15 högskolepoäng*  
First Cycle / Grundnivå

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2007-12-12 to be valid from 2007-12-12, spring semester 2008.

### **General Information**

Subject: History

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

*Language of instruction:* Swedish

*Main field of studies*

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 student shall

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- demonstrate basic knowledge and understanding of the key features of 20th century international history
- be able to analyse the connection between domestic, European and global trends in contemporary history

#### **Competence and skills**

- demonstrate an ability to understand and interpret various phenomena and contexts of general contemporary history
- be able to discuss basic historiographical positions in key areas of contemporary history

### **Judgement and approach**

- be able to reflect on the importance of contemporary history to current issues
- be able to assess critically literature of contemporary history from the point of view of historical scholarship.

### **Course content**

The course provides the students with basic knowledge of contemporary history from a global perspective. World wars, decolonisation, genocide, and the competitive social systems of the Cold War are examined, as are the political ideologies and the alternative political visions of the Third World. Post-war integration and disintegration processes, the roles of the EU and the UN, and problems associated with globalisation are also discussed.

The course consists of the following sub-courses:

1. The Century of Total War, 4.5 credits,
2. The Century of Ideologies, 4.5 credits,
3. The Century of Globalisation, 6 credits.

### **Course design**

Teaching consists of lectures.

### **Assessment**

Examinations take the form of a written take-home examination and seminar exercises.

*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 be awarded the grade of Pass on the whole course the student shall have at least the grade of Pass on all sub-courses. To be awarded Pass with Distinction on the whole course the student shall have the grade of Pass with Distinction on at least 9 of the credits on the course, and a grade of Pass on all remaining credits.

### **Entry requirements**

General requirements 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**

1. The course replaces HIS237, International Contemporary History.
2. 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.
3. The sub-course names in Swedish:
  1. Det totala krigets århundrade,
  2. Ideologiernas århundrade,
  3. Globaliseringens århundrade.

## Subcourses in HISB04, History: International Contemporary History

Applies from H07

- 0701 Examination, 4,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 0702 Examination, 4,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 0703 Examination, 6,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction