

## HISS20, History: History of the Body, 7.5 credits

*Historia: Kroppens historia, 7,5 högskolepoäng*

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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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 2015-06-11 and was last revised on 2025-05-15 by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology (U 2025/400). The revised syllabus comes into effect 2025-09-01 and is valid from the spring semester 2026.

### General information

The course is part of the Master's Programme in History and is an elective course within the programme's history specialisation. The course can also be offered as a freestanding course. The course may be included in a general qualification in the first or second cycle.

*Language of instruction:* Swedish

<i>Main field of study</i>	<i>Specialisation</i>
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History	A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements
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### Learning outcomes

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

#### Knowledge and understanding

- give an in-depth account of the research field of the history of the body based on different interdisciplinary theories and perspectives.

## Competence and skills

- relate contexts and research questions from the history of the body to larger historical contexts
- independently search, critically evaluate and structure different types of source material and literature relevant to the history of the body
- carry out an in-depth analysis of historical phenomena by applying different theories and perspectives on the history of the body.

## Judgement and approach

- reflect on the importance of gender, class, ethnicity and diversity in the research field of the history of the body.

## Course content

The course provides a specialisation in historical studies through the students engaging with scholarly texts in the research field of the history of the body. Different theoretical approaches in history and other relevant disciplines are discussed and applied to historical source material. The course aims to provide a broad introduction to the field, focusing on the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. The history of the body touches and cuts across a range of historical themes and fields, such as the history of medicine, the history of emotions, the history of sport, the history of gender, the history of the welfare state, and the history of the nation and nationalism. The course is therefore thematically structured with case studies covering different aspects and themes.

## Course design

The teaching consists of 8-10 sessions, generally seminars, as well as lectures and group exercises. All teaching sessions are compulsory and require both preparation and active participation in accordance with the instructions of the course lecturer.

If a student is absent from a teaching session for a valid reason, a written supplementary assignment is required according to the instructions of the course lecturer. Supplementation is allowed as an exception: if a student misses more than three teaching sessions, these sessions can be repeated the next time the course is offered.

## Assessment

Examination consists of one written assignment and two oral 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.

## Grades

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

## Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have 90 credits in history, history of ideas or another subject with an historical focus, or equivalent knowledge.

## Further information

- The course is offered at the Department of History, Lund University.
- 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 and information material.