

HISS36, Historical Studies: Thesis Preparation Course 2 - Research Practices, 7.5 credits

*Historiska studier: Uppsatsförberedande kurs 2 - Forskningspraktiker, 7,5
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 2025-09-29 (U 2025/721). The syllabus comes into effect 2025-09-29 and is valid from the spring semester 2026.

General information

The course is a compulsory component of the Master's Programme in History. The course can also be offered as a freestanding course. It can be included in a general qualification for first or second-cycle studies.

Language of instruction: Swedish

<i>Main field of study</i>	<i>Specialisation</i>
History of Ideas and Sciences	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

- describe access to and conditions for different types of historical source material,
- describe different approaches to historical analysis,
- be able to briefly describe data management from the perspective of different research practices,

Competence and skills

- identify relevant source materials for a research task and discuss the possibilities and challenges of the materials,
- test different research approaches on source material and discuss the implications of different research practices,

Judgement and approach

- reflect and evaluate different approaches in relation to a source material,
- critically discuss ethical issues in research practice, including in relation to AI tools.

Course content

The course is a continuation of the previous thesis preparation course, with the aim of fostering students' ability to search for source material, try out different research practices and discuss ethical and technical aspects of data management. The aim is to strengthen students' autonomy and to provide in-depth knowledge of practical dimensions of research work. The course discusses source materials in different forms and how they can be used in historical analyses. Students are trained in different research practices and how to describe and critically reflect on them. The course also covers research ethics and data management. The course is organised in close cooperation with the HT libraries.

Course design

The teaching of the course is based on 2-4 lecturer-led seminars, which are interspersed with self-study and group discussions without lecturer participation. Students are expected to actively participate in group discussions. The lecturer-led 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

The assessment is based on a final written assignment and an oral presentation. For the grade of Pass on the course, students must have been awarded a Pass on both of the assessed components. For the grade of Pass with Distinction on the course, students must achieve this mark for both components.

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 a bachelor's degree in history or the history of ideas and science, or another subject with a historical focus.

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.