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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

HISS40, History: Master's (One Year) Thesis, 30 credits

Historia: Examensarbete - magisterkurs, 30 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 2016-01-21 to be valid from 2016-01-21, spring semester 2016.

General Information

The course is an elective component of the Master of Arts (120 credits) programme in Historical Studies

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

Historical Studies - specialization History

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A1E, Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (60 credits)

Learning outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

- reflect on and critically account for complex historical problems

- account for historical phenomena based on different theories and perspectives

- take a position on and interrogate different orientations and research methods within historical studies

- provide a specialised account of methodology within historical studies

Competence and skills

- independently and critically identify and formulate problems of relevance to historical studies
- analyse and reflect theoretically on different types of historical sources and interrogate different research situations
- seek, critically assess and structure different types of information of relevance to the degree project
- situate their own research project in the context of other research and judge the relevance of the results in a larger research context
- plan, execute and document an individual study within a chosen field and predetermined time frame
- defend their own project at a seminar and critically review other Master's degree projects
- make oral and written presentations both in academic and non-academic forms with a good use of language

Judgement and approach

- make assessments of research ethics and discuss the role of historical research in society and the responsibility of historians
- take responsibility for their ongoing learning by identifying their need of further knowledge

Course content

The course starts with seminars on the theoretical and methodological issues of academic writing. In consultation with the student, a supervisor is appointed to guide the student in the project. The degree project is to be defended at a seminar.

Course design

A paper of 30 credits requires 20 weeks of full-time study. The project work is planned in consultation with a supervisor, so that it corresponds to full-time study

during the equivalent of a whole semester. The teaching consists of supervision and seminars. The seminars require compulsory attendance.

Assessment

The assessment is based on the student's execution and defence of a degree project, oral presentation of the project, and active participation in the discussion of the other degree projects at the seminars. The examiner may deviate from the regular form of examination if it cannot be implemented during a re-examination, and if it complies with the learning outcomes of the course.

Passed degree projects at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology can be registered in the LUP Student Papers database if the student so wishes. The student is responsible for uploading the passed degree project as a PDF file in LUP student papers.

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.

The grades awarded are Fail, Pass and Pass with Distinction

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have passed 30 credits within the Master of Arts (120 credits) programme in Historical Studies, including the courses HISS01, HISS02 and HISS03.

Further information

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

Subcourses in HISS40, History: Master's (One Year) Thesis

Applies from V16

- 1601 Master's (One year) Thesis, 30,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1602 Seminar, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass
- 1603 Opposition, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass