

## **ILHS20, History of Ideas: Science, Culture and Society, 7.5 credits**

*Idé- och lärdomshistoria: Vetenskap, kultur och samhälle, 7,5 högskolepoäng*  
**Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå**

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### **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 2025-06-04 (U 2025/185). The 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 of ideas history specialisation. The course can also be offered as a freestanding course. The course is offered as a freestanding course and can be included in a first or second-cycle degree.

*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

### **Learning outcomes**

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

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- explain and reflect on key issues in the history of modern science,
- describe and discuss current rhetorical and history of science concepts, theories and analytical perspectives,

#### **Competence and skills**

- critically reflect on science as a cultural and social phenomenon,

- analyse how scientific knowledge and scientific institutions have interacted with the rest of society,
- critically analyse the current state of research in the history of science,

### **Judgement and approach**

- evaluate and problematise the position and role of science in a wider societal and ethical perspective,
- contribute orally and in writing to a constructive critical discussion of history of science issues in research and public debate.

### **Course content**

The course provides an in-depth understanding of the history of science with particular emphasis on the modern era. The focus is on science as a cultural and social phenomenon and its transformation is linked to overarching perspectives and issues concerning the production, communication, circulation and applications of scientific knowledge. The course also provides an in-depth insight into various theories and methods used in current research in the history of science.

### **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**

Assessment is based on a written assignment and an oral assignment.

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

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.

### **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 or equivalent knowledge.

## Further information

- The course is offered at the Department of Arts and Cultural Sciences, Lund University.
- This course replaces ILHS15
- 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.