



MOSN16, Middle Eastern Studies: Individual Specialisation, 7.5 credits

Mellanösternstudier: Individuell fördjupning, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2012-11-02 to be valid from 2012-11-02, spring semester 2013.

General Information

The course is offered as part of the Master of Arts programme in Middle Eastern Studies (MESLU) at the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Middle Eastern Studies

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A1F, Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to identify and reflect on the main patterns of the research history of the chosen field of research
- be able to explain and analyse the theoretical foundations, central methodological approaches and general tendencies and discussions in the current research in the chosen field of research
- be able to account for the fundamental theoretical delimitations of the subject chosen for the individual research assignment, on the basis of a critical and applied reading of the relevant research

Competence and skills

- be able to select titles for and structure a bibliography of current and relevant research in the chosen research field and comment on the bibliography from theoretical and methodological perspectives
- be able to produce scholarly reviews of current research in Middle Eastern Studies, focusing on critical discussion of theory and contextualisation, written in clear, concise and stringent English.
- be able to identify and problematise the theoretical foundations of advanced research and apply them to the individual research assignment

Judgement and approach

- be able to review and query current research on the Middle East, focusing on source criticism, methodological and theoretical foundations, research ethics, gender perspectives and orientalism
- be able to critically assess the individual research assignment with regard to its relationship and contribution to the research field and to its empirical, methodological and theoretical limitations.

Course content

The aim of the course is to provide students with the opportunity to develop theoretical expertise in the research field chosen for the Master's thesis as well as theoretical subject expertise for the work, development or research assignments during the field studies course in semester 3.

One objective of the course is that students develop a solid understanding of the research history and current trends in the field chosen for research by the student. Furthermore, students are given the opportunity to practise writing brief and concise but sophisticated comments on relevant research literature.

The course is a distance-learning course.

Course design

The teaching consists of individual supervision.

Assessment

The assessment is based on two individual written assignments:

- A critical review of two scholarly monographs or selections of articles chosen in consultation with the supervisor
- A commented bibliography (2000-3000 words) of key texts (at least five monographs or article selections) in the research field of the student chosen in consultation with the supervisor.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

The highest grade is A and the lowest passing grade is E. The grade for a non-passing result is Fail.

Scale of grades:

A = 92-100 % of total points

B = 84-91 % of total points

C = 76-83 % of total points

D = 68-75 % of total points

E = 60-67 % of total points

Fail = 0-59 % of total points.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have passed semesters 1 and 2 of the Master of Arts programme in Middle Eastern Studies (MESLU) at the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies.

Further information

1. The course replaces MOSN02.
2. The course is offered at the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University.

Subcourses in MOSN16, Middle Eastern Studies: Individual Specialisation

Applies from H12

1201 Individual Specialisation, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A