

## **MOSN17, Middle Eastern Studies: Individual Methods Course, 7.5 credits**

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

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### **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 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 describe the main principles for critically compiling, structuring and reporting empirical material, based on relevant methodological and theoretical research
- be able to identify the principles for theoretical approaches and methodology in current research on the Middle East
- be able to reflect on the fundamental principles of research ethics in the Humanities and Social Sciences in general and in Middle Eastern Studies in particular

### **Competence and skills**

- be able to delimit and account for a specific methodological approach that can be applied to his or her own planned research project on the Middle East
- be able to systematically collect empirical material in a nuanced and critical manner and with reference to relevant methodological theory
- be able to discuss, critically and in writing, his or her presentation of collected empirical material and problematise the collection process from the point of view of methodology

### **Judgement and approach**

- be able to ethically assess and methodologically address power aspects in his or her own research in relation to theories of representation, gender, ethnocentrism and orientalism
- be able to assess the practical implications of source criticism in his or her own planned research project.

### **Course content**

The course has the form of individually designed independent study and the aim of allowing the student to conduct in-depth study in method literature of relevance to his or her research plan and the planning for the master's thesis to be completed in semester 4 of the programme.

The content and required reading of the course are decided in consultation with a supervisor. The course is offered as distance learning with continuous contact with the CMES supervisor.

The student is to write regular reports on method literature and carry out exercises in applying ethnographical, text analytical, statistical or other relevant methods with feedback from the supervisor.

### **Course design**

The teaching consists of individual supervision.

### **Assessment**

The assessment is based on two written reports on theory, method and the application of methods. One of the reports is to consist of reflections on relevant theories and methods based on literature and one is to provide reflections on practical application of methods. The two reports combined are to be 3000-4000 words in length and be based on no less than 5 monographs or collections of articles and 5 research journal articles selected 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 the two first semesters of the programme.

## Further information

1. The course replaces MOSN03.
2. The course is offered at the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University.

## Subcourses in MOSN17, Middle Eastern Studies: Individual Methods Course

Applies from H12

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