



Faculty of Social Sciences

## **SIMZ41, Middle Eastern Studies: Master's (Two Years) Thesis, 30 credits**

*Mellanösternstudier: Examensarbete för masterexamen, 30  
höskolepoäng*

**Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå**

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus is an old version, approved by Graduate School Board on 2020-09-28 and was valid from 2021-01-18, spring semester 2021.

### **General Information**

The course is a compulsory component of the Master Programme in Middle Eastern Studies, 120 credits.

*Main field of studies*

Middle Eastern Studies

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

A2E, Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits)

### **Learning outcomes**

Upon the completion of the course, the student shall:

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the main field of Middle Eastern Studies, including both broad knowledge of the field and a considerable degree of specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as insight into current research and development work, and
- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the main field of study

### **Competence and skills**

- demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information
- demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate issues critically, autonomously and creatively as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames and so contribute to the formation of knowledge as well as the ability to evaluate this work
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing both nationally and internationally to clearly report and discuss their conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in some other qualified capacity

### **Judgement and approach**

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in the main field of Middle Eastern Studies informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work
- demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used, and
- demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for his or her ongoing learning

### **Course content**

The course consists of a degree project allowing the student to individually undertake a research assignment. The student is to independently formulate an advanced research issue, select suitable data collection methods, process a large theoretical and empirical material and present analyses, results and conclusions in a research report.

The research process is to be executed in consultation with a supervisor appointed by the Middle Eastern Studies programme at the Graduate School department. The role of the supervisor is to provide constructive feedback and to guide the student through the process. The responsibility for the execution and final paper, however, rests with the author.

### **Course design**

The teaching consists of supervision and seminars.

Students are entitled to supervision when writing the degree project. The hours of supervision are limited to the semester in which the student first registered for the course. Exceptions can be made if there are special grounds.

### **Assessment**

The assessment is made by a specially appointed examiner and based on the final thesis, the student's defence of the thesis and critical review and opposition of a fellow student's thesis. The degree project is to be discussed at a seminar, in which the student is to orally present and discuss the design, execution and results and will

receive comments from the examiner. The student is to review and oppose a fellow student's thesis in an opposition seminar. The assessment will take the quality of this review into account.

The degree project is to be registered in an Open Access database belonging to Lund University. Each student determines their own level of publication.

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.

*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.

The student's performance is assessed with reference to the learning outcomes of the course. For the grade of E the student must show acceptable results. For the grade of D the student must show satisfactory results. For the grade of C the student must show good results. For the grade of B the student must show very good results. For the grade of A the student must show excellent results. For the grade of Fail the student must have shown unacceptable results.

For a grade of Pass on the entire course, the student must have been awarded at least E on all assessments for which the grading scale A–E+Fail applies, and the grade of Pass on all assessments for which the grading scale Pass – Fail applies. The student must also have participated in all compulsory components.

At the start of the course, students are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus and about the grading scale and how it is applied on the course.

## **Entry requirements**

To be admitted to the course, students must have successfully completed 60 credits of the program, including 30 credits of profile courses for the program and 30 credits of courses in research methods/theory of science.

## Subcourses in SIMZ41, Middle Eastern Studies: Master's (Two Years) Thesis

Applies from V21

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