



Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology

ÖCKR07, East and Central European Studies: Master's (Two Years) Thesis, 30 credits

Öst- och centraleuropakunskap: Examensarbete för mastersexamen, 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 2023-09-08 (U 2023/600). The syllabus comes into effect 2023-09-10 and is valid from the spring semester 2024.

General information

The course is given at the second-cycle level and constitutes the final part of the master's programme in East and Central European Studies.

Language of instruction: English

<i>Main field of study</i>	<i>Specialisation</i>
Central and Eastern European Studies	A2E, Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits)

Learning outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

- in an advanced way, to give an account of questions, theories and methods in East and Central European Studies,
- give an account of advanced method knowledge in the multi-disciplinary field of East and Central European studies,
- in an advanced way, be familiar with the form for scientific communication and thereby able to supervise the development of knowledge in East and Central European Studies,

Competence and skills

- in an independent way, formulate a fundamental and relevant problem in East and Central European Studies,
- theorise around and find adequate methods to carry out a study based on the identified issue,
- critically and systematically integrate theory and empiricism,
- in an established scientific way, communicate the result of learning and research processes both in writing and orally, in the time and space allotted.
- summarise, critically review, evaluate, and give constructive criticism on others' research processes and completed studies,
- use written and/or oral sources produced in one of the languages that are used in the region,
- participate in research and development or work within East and Central European Studies or work independently on other qualified activities,

Judgement and approach

- take a position in a critical and scientific way on knowledge, learning, policy, culture and society,
- assess the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used.

Course content

The course constitutes an individual assignment where the student independently designs and carries out an academic study relevant to East and Central European Studies from a multi-disciplinary perspective that combines theories and methods from the humanities and social sciences. The student should independently formulate a research issue, choose an appropriate method, process extensive theoretical and empirical material including material on some of the

languages that are used in the region and present the results in the form of a written text. The research process is carried out in consultation with a supervisor who is appointed by the department. The supervisor's task is to give constructive feedback on the planning of the study. However, responsibility for both implementation and the completed degree project rests with the student.

Course design

The teaching consists mainly of supervision that takes place first and foremost through individual conversations between supervisor and author but supervision in groups can also occur. Supervision is normally limited to the semester when the student was first registered on the course. Exceptions can be made if there are special grounds. The course includes a compulsory seminar. The special nature of the thesis work, however, means that the main activity of the course consists of the student's own research efforts.

Assessment

The examination consists of a degree project that is discussed at a public seminar. The examination also includes a critical review of another degree project. Written instructions for both peer reviewer and author will be given to the student in good time before the seminar according to the guidelines for the master thesis work for the Master of Arts in East and Central European Studies.

Degree projects awarded pass at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology can be registered in the LUP Student Papers database if the student so wishes. The student is individually responsible for uploading the assessed and passed version of the degree project in LUP Student Papers (as a PDF file).

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

Entry requirements

Admission to the course requires that the following four courses have been completed: "History, Culture and Society of Central, East and Southeast Europe", "Russia and Eastern Europe - the present and the past", "Theory and Methodology of Area Studies" and "Project Management and Communication Strategies".

Further information

- The course is offered by the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
- The course shares content and is coordinated with the course European Studies: Degree Project for a Degree of Master (120 credits) (EUHR18).
- The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is shared with another course can only be credited once for a degree.
- For further details, see current registration and information materials.