



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Cultural Sciences

1AE010 Introduktion till historisk arkeologi, 10 högskolepoäng
Introduction to Historical Archaeology, 10 credits

Main field of study

Archaeology

Subject Group

Archaeology

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

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The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2011

Prerequisites

NO VALUE DEFINED

Expected learning outcomes

After completing the course, the student should be able to:

- critically present the theories and methods of historical archaeology
- present the main features in the development of material cultures during the Middle Ages and early modern times
- actively participate in group discussions through an oral presentation.

Content

Historical archaeology focuses on the study of material remnants from historical eras. The relation between objects and texts is in focus, thus separating historical archaeology from the other subjects archaeology and history. This course focuses on complex material contents in Middle Age and early modern societies, primarily in Scandinavia but also from a regional perspective. The regional cultural heritage in the form of medieval cities, churches and cultural landscapes is an important source of information used in order to look at individuals in relation to larger-scale historical conjunctures. Kalmar used to be one of the most important medieval cities in the Nordic countries, which is why its local- and regional cultural heritage form a natural part of the course. This course also offers students an orientation in the theories and methods of historical archaeology and a chance to empirically test this knowledge on material cultures and societal development in the Nordic countries during the Middle Ages and early modern times.

Type of Instruction

Teaching may be in the form of lectures, seminars, group assignments and excursions as well as oral presentations. All teaching elements are obligatory except for lectures.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

Course Evaluation

When the course has finished, an evaluation is compiled. The results are reported back to students and then archived according to the rules of the School.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

List of required reading

Andrén, A. (1998). *Från antiken till antiken. Stadsvisioner i Skandinavien före 1700. Staden himmel eller helvete. Tankar om människan i staden.* Stockholm: Informationsförlaget. 40 p.

Andersson, H., Carelli P. & Ersgård, L. (1997). *Visions of the Past. Trends and Traditions in Swedish Medieval Archaeology. Lund Studies in Medieval Archaeology 19. Riksantikvarieämbetet Arkeologiska undersökningar Skrifter 24.* Stockholm. p. 73-90, 455-468, 645-729, 741-761. 134 p.

Andrén, A., Ersgård, L. & Wienberg, J. (ed). (2001). *Från stad till land. En medeltidsarkeologisk resa tillägnad Hans Andersson.* Stockholm: Almqvist & Wiksell International. Selection. p. 73-88, 95-214, 229-252, 353-360, 379-388. 173 p.

Burström, M. (2007). *Samtidsarkeologi.* Lund: Studentlitteratur. 112 p.

Hansson, M. (2001). *Huvudgårdar och herravälden. En studie av småländsk medeltid.* Stockholm: Almqvist & Wiksell International. 260 p.

Hansson, M. (2008). *Det medeltida Småland.* Lund: Historiska Media. 250 p.

Lönn, M. (2004). (ed). *Aktuella metodfrågor.* Stockholm: Riksantikvarieämbetet Arkeologiska undersökningar. Skrifter. p. 8-18, 130-142. 22 p.

Mooreland, J. (2001). *Archaeology and Text.* London: Duckworth. 144 p.

Regner, E., von Heijne, C., Kitzler Åhfeldt, L. & Kjellström, A. (2009). *From Ephesos to Dalecarlia. Reflections on Body, Space and Time in Medieval and Early Modern Europe.* Stockholm: Statens Historiska museum. Selection, p.119-275. 156 p.

Schmidt Sabo, K. (2005). *Den medeltida byns sociala dimensioner.* Riksantikvarieämbetet Skrifter 67, Lund Studies in Historical Archaeology 1. Stockholm.

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Hansson, M. (ed) (2007). *Utmarker, gårdar och människor. Om järnålder och arkeologi i sydvästra Småland*. Växjö: Småland Museum p. 55-126. 71 p.

Nilsson, N. & Ring, C. (2008). *Ur dy, lera och sand : hamn och bebyggelse från det medeltida Kalmar : arkeologi i Kalmar stadspark*. Kalmar: Kalmar County Museum. 64 p.

Stibeus, M. (2007). *Arkeologi vid Borgholms slott – bebyggelse från järnålder och medeltid*. Riksantikvarieämbetet Rapport UV Öst 2006:42. p 7-106. 99 p.