



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Cultural Sciences

1AE210 Aktuella perspektiv på arkeologisk teori, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Current Perspectives in Archaeological Theory, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Archaeology

Subject Group

Archaeology

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1F

Date of Ratification

Approved by Organisational Committee 2009-11-18

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2010

Prerequisites

30 ECTS credits within Humanities or Social Science or the equivalent.

Expected learning outcomes

After completion of this course the student will be able to:

- summarise and assess the main theoretical content of selected current publications in archaeological theory
- discuss critically selected issues in current archaeological theory
- present their own views concerning theoretical issues discussed in current archaeological literature.

Content

This course discusses current publications in archaeological theory. The chosen texts are analysed for their theoretical content and serve as a basis for the discussion of current issues in archaeological theory.

Type of Instruction

The course is taught through compulsory seminars.

Examination

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

For the grade "Pass" the intended learning outcomes must be achieved.

Examination is by written assignment.

Grades are awarded according to the international ECTS scale.

Re-sits are offered within six weeks (during the semester). The number of re-sits in each course is limited to four (Higher Education Ordinance Ch. 6 Par. 21).

Course Evaluation

Course evaluation is carried out at the end of the course. The evaluation is compiled, reviewed with the students and archived according to departmental protocol.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Obligatory literature

Students are required to read ca 600-800 pages of academic literature which is selected from the following titles:

Gould, Richard A. (2007). *Disaster Archaeology*. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press. 225 pp.

Ingold, Tim (2007). *Lines. A Brief History*. London and New York: Routledge. 170 pp.

Karlström, Anna (2009). *Preserving Impermanence. The Creation of Heritage in Vientiane, Laos*. University of Uppsala. 215 pp.

Källén, Anna (2004). *And Through Flows the River. Archaeology and the pasts of Lao Pako*. University of Uppsala. 235 pp.

Leone, Mark (2005). *The Archaeology of Liberty in an American Capital. Excavations in Annapolis*. Berkeley etc: University of California Press. 280 pp.

Praetzellis, Adrian (2003). *Dug to Death: A Tale of Archaeological Method and Mayhem*. Walnut Creek: Altamira Press. 220 pp.

Praetzellis, Adrian (2000). *Death by Theory: A Tale of Mystery and Archaeological Theory*. Walnut Creek: Altamira Press. 170 pp.

Other teaching material will be provided by the department.