



## Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences  
School of Cultural Sciences

1HI020 Historia, Medeltida kulturer och samhällen, 7,5  
högskolepoäng

History, Medieval cultures and societies, 7.5 credits

### **Main field of study**

History

### **Subject Group**

History

### **Level of classification**

First Level

### **Progression**

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### **Date of Ratification**

Approved by the Board of the School of Cultural Sciences 2009-06-16

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The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2012

### **Prerequisites**

General entry requirements and Civics A, History A or Civics 1b / 1a1 +1a2, History 1b / 1a1+1a2.

## Objectives

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

- offer examples of power struggles and collaboration between world leaders and the Church in Medieval cultures as well as changes in these occurrences
- identify decentralised and central tendencies in Medieval Europe and the rest of the world
- discuss various theories on "Sweden becoming Sweden"
- present the reasons for the late medieval agrarian crisis and its consequences
- offer examples of and analyse how Medieval history has been transmitted and utilised throughout history

## Content

During this course, students study medieval societies with an emphasis on the interaction between politics, economy, culture and religion. In particular, attention will be given to the cooperation and power struggle between the secular power centre and that of the church. At the core is a comparison between European and non-European societies and how these have influenced each other. Regarding Swedish history, special emphasis will

be placed on the creation of the Kingdom of Sweden and the different theories about how the process occurred and when it was completed. The course also includes exercises in basic scientific theory and method within the field of history.

Information on obligatory elements of the course is provided by the teacher.

### Type of Instruction

Lectures and seminars. Seminar attendance is obligatory.

### Examination

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

Examination forms that occur are written examinations and active participation in the obligatory seminars. In order to receive the grade of Pass, the expected learning outcomes must be achieved.

For students who fail to earn a Pass grade at the first examination opportunity, a maximum of four additional examination opportunities will be provided.

### Course Evaluation

At the end of the course, a written course evaluation is performed and compiled into a report. The evaluation report is available to students and is filed and stored according to departmental regulations. The results and eventual measures taken will be communicated to the course coordinator and presented to the students at the next course.

### Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Aronsson, Peter, *Historiebruk: att använda det förflutna*, Studentlitteratur, senaste upplagan, selection, 60 pages (60)

Bjarne Larsson, Gabriela, *Forma historia. Metodövningar*, Studentlitteratur, latest edition p. 91-135.(44)

Fröjmark, Anders, *Medeltidsmänniskan och kyrkan* [www.lnu.diva-portal.org/smash/record.jsf?searchId=1&pid=diva2:312142](http://www.lnu.diva-portal.org/smash/record.jsf?searchId=1&pid=diva2:312142)> 10 s (10)

Lennerhed, Lena (red), *Från Sappho till Cyborg. Idéer om kön och sexualitet i historien*, latest edition, p. 29-57.(28)

Liedman, Sven-Eric, *Från Platon till kriget mot terrorismen*, Albert Bonniers förlag, latest edition, p 66-83 (17)

Lindkvist, Thomas & Sjöberg, Maria, *Det svenska samhället 800-1720*, Studentlitteratur, latest edition, selection.(200)

McKay et al, *A History of World Societies*, Bedford/St.Martin's, latest edition, selection, 200 pages (200)

Tyerman, Christopher, *The Crusaders: A very short introduction*, Oxford University Press, latest edition, 167 pages (167)

Söderberg, Johan, *Vår världs ekonomiska historia. Den förindustriella tiden*, SNS-förlag, latest edition, selection, 125 pages (125)

As well as additional academic articles relating to medieval cultures and societies (200)

Total: 1051