



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Department 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

G1N

### Date of Ratification

Approved 2009-06-16

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The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2017

### Prerequisites

General entry requirements and Civics 1b / 1a1 +1a2, History 1b / 1a1+1a2 or Civics A, History A (Field-specific entry requirements 1/A1).

## Objectives

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

- give examples of the power struggle and cooperation between worldly men and the church during the Middle Ages,
- identify tendencies of centralisation and decentralisation in Europe and the rest of the world during the Middle Ages,
- discuss different theories of "When Sweden became Sweden",
- account for the causes and effects of the agrarian crisis during the late Middle Ages,
- exemplify and analyse how medieval history has been described and used throughout history.

## Content

The course discusses medieval societies with a special focus on the interaction between politics, economy, culture and religion. Cooperation and power struggles between worldly and religious powers are especially emphasised. The module focuses on a comparison between societies in and outside of Europe and how these have affected each other. With regard to Swedish history the creation of Sweden as a state is especially emphasised, as well as different theories on that process and when it was completed. Questions concerning the use of history are discussed and various examples

completed. Questions concerning the use of history are discussed and various examples of descriptions of history, primarily medieval history, are presented and analysed.

The teacher will inform the students about compulsory parts of the course.

## Type of Instruction

Lectures and compulsory seminars.

## Examination

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

The course is examined through written tests and active participation in compulsory seminars. In order to receive the grade of Pass, the student must achieve the objectives. Grading criteria for the grade of Pass with Distinction will be specified when the course starts.

For students who do not pass the first examinations, retake examinations are provided in accordance with local regulations at the university.

## Course Evaluation

At the end of the course, a course evaluation is conducted. Results and analysis of the course evaluation are communicated to the students who have taken the course and the students who are taking the course when it is offered the next time. The evaluation is anonymous. The course evaluation is filed according to departmental regulations.

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Åmark, Klas, *Varför historia?*, Studentlitteratur, the latest edition, selected parts, 25 p. (25)

Aronsson, Peter, *Historiebruk: att använda det förflutna*, Studentlitteratur, the latest edition, selected parts, 30 p. (30)

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

Eksell, Kerstin, *Andalus: energier i gränsrum*, Studentlitteratur, latest edition, selected parts, 170 p. (170)

Eriksson, Gunnar, & Frängsmyr, Tore, *Idéhistoriens huvudlinjer*, Wahlström & Widstrand, print-on-demand, the latest edition, selected parts, 60 p. (60)

Fröjmark, Anders, "Medeltidsmänniskan och kyrkan" in *Kalmar län 1996–1997*, pp. 19–28, [lu.divaportal.org/smash/record.jsf?searchId=1&pid=diva2:312142](http://lu.divaportal.org/smash/record.jsf?searchId=1&pid=diva2:312142), 10 p. (10)

Fröjmark, Anders, *Religiösa ordnar under medeltiden*, Linnaeus University, the latest edition, [lu.divaportal.org/smash/record.jsf?searchId=1&pid=diva2:352592](http://lu.divaportal.org/smash/record.jsf?searchId=1&pid=diva2:352592), 7 p. (7)

Fröjmark, Anders, *Sverige under Kalmarunionens tid*, Kalmar University 2009, [lu.divaportal.org/smash/record.jsf?searchId=2&pid=diva2:233477](http://lu.divaportal.org/smash/record.jsf?searchId=2&pid=diva2:233477), 24 p. (24)

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

McKay et al, *A History of World Societies*, Bedford/St.Martin's, the latest edition, selected parts, 200 p. (200)

Söderberg, Johan, *Vår världs ekonomiska historia. Den förindustriella tiden*, SNS förlag, the latest edition, selected parts, 125 p. (125)

Relevant research articles about European medieval history. Provided by the

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department. (200)

In total: 1095