



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Department of Cultural Sciences

1HI020 Historia, Medeltida kulturer och samhällen, 7.5 credits  
History, Medieval cultures and societies

### **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 2023

### **Prerequisites**

General entry requirements + History 1b alt History 1a1+1a2 and Civics 1b alt. Civics 1a1 +1a2.

## Objectives

After completing the course, the student should be able to

- give examples of how the power struggle and cooperation between secular rulers and the church manifested and changed through the course of 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 secular and religious powers are especially emphasised. Comparison between societies in and outside Europe and how these have affected each other is central. As for Swedish history, the creation of Sweden as a state is especially emphasised, along with different theories on how the process unfolded, and when it was completed. Questions concerning the use of history are discussed and different examples of how above all medieval history has been communicated are presented and analysed.

## Type of Instruction

Lectures and seminars.

## Examination

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

The course is examined through written and oral assignments. 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 in writing when the course starts.

Repeat examination is offered in accordance with Local regulations for courses and examination at the first and second-cycle level at Linnaeus University. If the university has decided that a student is entitled to special pedagogical support due to a disability, the examiner has the right to give a customised exam or to have the student conduct the exam in an alternative way.

## Course Evaluation

During or shortly after the course, a course evaluation is conducted. Results and analysis of the course evaluations are promptly communicated to the students who have taken the course. Students who are taking the course when it is offered the next time are informed of the results at the start of the course. The evaluation is anonymous.

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

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

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

Eksell, Kerstin, *Andalus: energier i gränsrum*, Studentlitteratur, the latest edition, in selection, 170 p. (170)

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

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

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

Fröjmark, Anders, *Sverige under Kalmarunionens tid*, Kalmar University 2009, [Inu.divaportal.org/smash/record.jsf?searchId=2&pid=diva2:233477](http://nu.divaportal.org/smash/record.jsf?searchId=2&pid=diva2:233477), 24 p. (24)  
Available online or on the course learning platform.

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

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

Wiesner Hanks, Merry E., et al, *A History of World Societies*, Bedford/St.Martin's, the latest edition, 200 p. (200)

Åmark, Klas, *Varför historia?* Studentlitteratur, the latest edition, in selection, 25 pages (25)

Current research articles about European medieval history. Available online or on the course learning platform. (200)