



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Cultural Sciences

1HI350 Din egen historia I. Släktforskning i teori och praktik, 7,5
högskolepoäng

Your own history I. Genealogy in theory and practice, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

History

Subject Group

History

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

GIN

Date of Ratification

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The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2011

Prerequisites

General entry requirements.

Expected learning outcomes

After completing the course, the student should:

- be familiar with the relevant archives, particularly those mediated by different databases,
- be able to use basic historical source material such as parish registers and population registers in order to map out family ties and demographic patterns,
- be able to conduct a critical discussion about the reliability of sources and their usefulness based on what questions are posed,
- demonstrate the ability to associate empirical results to the larger social, economical and cultural changes that have occurred during the most recent centuries,
- be able to give a written presentation of the results.

A complementary goal for all education within the humanities is that students have the ability to correctly use Swedish verbally and in writing.

Content

The course provides a survey of the varied history of families and relations in the West,

from the Middle Ages to the present, associated with changes in, among other things, economics and politics. Through practical use of historical source material, a minor research task will be completed, where emphasis is placed on a critical attitude towards source material.

Type of Instruction

Teaching is in the form of lectures and through practical exercises with different kinds of source material relevant for genealogy. Lectures and seminars, the latter mandatory, are supplemented with a certain amount of distance supervision, primarily via e-mail.

Examination

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

Examination occurs through active participation during mandatory seminars and through the completion of a genealogical research assignment. 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. (In accordance with the Higher Education Ordinance 6 chap. 21§).

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.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Required reading

Anderö Henrik & Elisabeth Thorsell, (2004 or latest edition) *Läsebok för släktforskare: lär dig tyda och läsa gammal handstil*, ICA bokförlag, 84 pages

Casey, James, *History of the Family* or the Swedish version *Familjens historia*, Studentlitteratur, (1989 or 1993 or latest edition), 185 pages

or

Goody, Jack, *The European Family: An Historico-Anthropological Essay*, 2000 or latest edition, Blackwell Publishers, 190 pages

Clemensson, Per & Kjell Andersson, (2008 or latest edition) *Släktforska steg för steg*, Natur & Kultur 143 pages

Hedenborg, Susanna & Mats Morell, (2006 or latest edition) *Sverige en social och ekonomisk historia*, Studentlitteratur 420 pages

Articles and exercise material provided by the teacher. 200 pages

The course also requires access to Internet services such as SVAR, ArkivDigital or Genline.

Reference literature

Andersson, Kent & Henrik Anderö, (2006 or latest edition), *Ordbok för släktforskare*, Ica bokförlag, 256 pages

Häthén, Christian & Per Nilsén, *Svensk historisk lagbok: rättshistoriska källtexter*, (2004 or latest edition) Studentlitteratur, 317 pages

Lext, Gösta, (1985 or latest edition) *Studier i svensk kyrkobokföring 1600-1946*, Göteborg

Lext, Gösta, (1979 or latest edition) *Mantalskrivningen i Sverige före 1860*,
Göteborg

Rosenberg, Carl-Martin, *Geografisktstatistiskt handlexikon öfver Sverige. Bd 1-4*,
Göteborg