



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Cultural Sciences

1HI700 Muntlig historia. Minnen, berättelser och det förflutna, 15 högskolepoäng

Oral history. Memories, narratives and the past, 15 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 2010-08-18

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2011

Prerequisites

General entry requirements and Civics A and History A (Field-specific entry requirements 1).

Expected learning outcomes

On completion of the course students should be able to:

- display a comprehensive knowledge of the ways in which oral narratives about the past have acted as a creator of identity and awareness within different cultures, and over different time periods;
- display a comprehensive historiographical knowledge of oral history as scientific method and theoretical perspectives;
- discuss current theoretical perspectives and methodological discussions surrounding oral history;
- formulate and carry out a minor field investigation from a historical perspective;
- critically appraise and discuss oral sources.

Content

The course deals with the ways in which oral narratives act as a creator of identity and awareness within different cultures and over different time periods. The development of oral history as an established field within history studies is studied from both a national and international perspective. The course focuses on the interpretation of oral sources from current theoretical and methodological perspectives. Key concepts, such as

individual and collective memory, narratives and identity, are discussed and problematized. Students of this course are also required to carry out a minor field investigation that is connected to a historical problem.

Type of Instruction

Teaching is in the form of obligatory discussion seminars and individual, as well as group-based, written assignments and exercises.

Examination

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

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

Hansson, Lars & Thor, Malin (red.), *Muntlig historia*, Lund: Student literature, 2006, 195 pages. ISBN: 91-44-04616-2

Perks, Robert & Thomson, Alistair (red.), *The oral history reader*, second edition, London: Routledge, 2006, 592 pages (selected parts). ISBN: 0-415-34303-8

Thompson, Paul, *The voice of the past. Oral history*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000, 368 pages. ISBN: 0-192-89317-3

Articles (selected), cirka 200 pages.

One book is chosen from a specific list, cirka 300 pages.