



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Criminology and Police Work

2KR260 Historisk kriminologi, 15 högskolepoäng

2KR260 Historical criminology, 15 credits

Main field of study

Criminology

Subject Group

General Criminology

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G2F

Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2022-12-12

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2023

Prerequisites

At least 60 credits in social sciences or behavioural science, of which at least 30 credits in criminology.

Objectives

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- apply historical aspects to the contemporary understanding of crime as a historical and social phenomenon,
- analyse critically how issues concerning social class, gender and ethnicity are related to how we have reacted to crime in the historical context,
- adopt a critical approach to different traditions of theories in criminology based on a historical context,
- describe and apply different concepts of method relevant to historical criminology,
- historicize the development of crime and emphasise historical factors that have impacted the same,
- problematise the historical development of the penal system based on issues concerning how state and society have been shaped over time.

Content

Reacting to and trying to punish deviant behaviour is a historical recurring fact in the history of humankind. The regulation and classification of deviant behaviour is an important factor in terms of how our society has looked like in the historical context. The aim of this course is to introduce historical criminology as a subject and how we can look into criminological issues based on a historical method and material.

The course begins with an introduction to the historical method, covering issues on evaluation of sources, processing of material, contextualisation and period analysis, presented in relation to the issues within criminology.

This is followed by looking into the development of crime in a historical context where we in more detail look into the question regarding what type of actions we choose to define as a crime and what types of crimes that have been addressed as problems at different points in time and why.

The course is concluded by looking into the history of the penal system, where we will discuss the emergence of the present organisation of the Police, the development of prisons and other institutions used in the control and regulation of crime.

Type of Instruction

Teaching takes place in the form of lectures.

Examination

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

Examination of the course objectives takes place by means of writing a paper comprising 10 credits and by participating in five seminars, comprising 5 credits.

In order to receive a grade of Pass in the entire course, it is required that all the examination components are assessed as Pass.

For a grade of Pass with Distinction in the course, it is required that the written assignment in the form of a paper is assessed by the grade of Pass with Distinction.

A retake of the examination is provided in accordance with the Local Regulations for First-Cycle and Second-Cycle Courses and Examination at Linnaeus University.

Should the university determine that a student is entitled to special educational support due to impairment, the examiner may provide the student with an adapted test or the student may carry out the examination in an alternative way.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation is carried out either during or at the end of the course. Results and analysis of the evaluation are presented to the students who have completed the course as well as to new students at the following course date. The course evaluation is conducted anonymously.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Andersson, Robert & Nilsson, Roddy. (Latest edition). *Svensk kriminalpolitik*. Edition 2 Stockholm: Liber. (334 p.).

Churchill, David, Yeomans, Henry & Channing, Iain. (Latest edition). *Historical criminology*. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge. (208 p.).

Churchill, David, Janiewski, Dolores E. & Leloup, Pieter. (Eds.) (Latest edition). *Private security and the modern state: historical and comparative perspectives*. London: Routledge. (269 p.).

Hofer, Hanns von. (Latest edition). *Brott och straff i Sverige: historisk kriminalstatistik 1750-2010 : diagram, tabeller och kommentarer*. 4th revised edition. Stockholm: Kriminologiska institutionen, Stockholms universitet. (275 p.). (Available on the Internet).

Holmlund, Sofia & Sandén, Annika (eds.). (Latest edition). *Usla, elända och arma: samhällets utsatta under 700 år*. Stockholm: Natur & kultur. (Selected parts, ca. 150 p.).

Kivivuori, Janne. (Latest edition). *Nordic Homicide in Deep Time: Lethal Violence in the Early Modern Era and Present Times*. Helsinki University Press. (356 p.). (Available on the Internet).

Nilsson, Roddy & Eriksson, Marie. (Latest edition). *Ilska, desperation och lömska försåt: våldsamma kvinnor i 1800-talets Sverige*. Lund: Nordic Academic Press. (261 p.).

Pedersson, Anders. (Latest edition). *En fängslande vetenskap?: kriminologi i Sverige, 1885-1965*. Diss. Göteborg: Göteborgs universitet. (Selected parts, ca. 100 p.).

Publications and other texts are also included, comprising a maximum of 200 pages.