



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Cultural Sciences

4HI405 Globala perspektiv på historien, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Global perspectives on history, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

History

Subject Group

History

Level of classification

Second Level

Progression

A1N

Date of Ratification

Approved by the Board of the School of Cultural Sciences 2009-06-16

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The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2011

Prerequisites

History 90 credits out of which 30 credits need to be on the G2E level or the equivalent as well as Swedish B and English A or the equivalent.

Expected learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the student should be able to:

- conduct a scientific discussion about the larger context of world history,
- conduct a scientific discussion about past and present societal forms,
- assume a critical attitude, both verbally and in writing, towards different perspectives of historical accounts regarding major processes of change.

Content

The course deals with different accounts of historical processes of change. From a synthetic perspective, students will discuss and compare various historical societal forms from different parts of the world – feudal societies, transitions from feudalism to agrarian and industrial capitalism, communist societies, as well as the spread of global capitalism from the 16th century to the present. Investigations will specialise around two themes. Students write a paper about the obligatory literature, and an elective book from each theme, and then discuss the papers in the form of a seminar. Tuition is in Swedish in the form of obligatory seminars.

Type of Instruction

Teaching is in the form of seminars and participation is mandatory.

Examination

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

In order to pass the course, students need to meet the expected learning outcomes. In order to pass the course with distinction, students need to convincingly demonstrate a large extent of familiarity and independence as regards travelling, answering and discussing the relevant scientific issues of the course.

A resit is offered within six weeks (within the framework of regular terms) and the number of resits is limited to five (in accordance with the Higher Education Ordinance 6 chap. 21§).

Course Evaluation

Course evaluation is carried out at the end of the course. The evaluation is compiled, reviewed with the students and archived according to departmental protocol.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Required reading

Historisk Tidskrift 2003:2. Temanummer om synteser. Entire text can be found at: www.historisktidskrift.se/documents/Historisk-Tidskrift-fulltext-2003-2.pdf
Required reading: Berggren, Hirdman, Jarrick, Magnusson and Sjöberg.

Marks, Robert B. (2007) *The Origins of the Modern World. Fate and Fortune in the Rise of the West*. Lanham MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, INC. 220 pages. ISBN 978-0-7425-5418-4.

Ponting, Clive (2007) *A new green history of the world. The environment and the collapse of great civilisations*.
London: Vintage. ISBN 978-0-09-951668-2 (paperback), 452 pages

Stavrianos, Leften Stavros (1997) *Lifelines from our past: a new world history*. Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe. ISBN 0-7656-0180-X (paperback), pages. 3-250.

Elective literature: Choose a book within each theme.

Theme: Changed conditions of production.

Andersson, Perry (2004) *Övergångar från antiken till feodalismen*. Lund Arkiv. ISBN 91-7924-175-1, 310 pages

Castells, Manuel (2001) *Informationsåldern. Ekonomi, samhälle och kultur. Bd 1. Nätverksamhällets framväxt*.
Göteborg: Daidalos. ISBN 91-7173-150-4, 592 pages

Castells, Manuel (2000) *Informationsåldern. Ekonomi, samhälle och kultur. Bd 2. Identitetens makt*.
Göteborg: Daidalos. ISBN 91-7173-116-4, 441 pages

Castells, Manuel (2000) *Informationsåldern. Ekonomi, samhälle och kultur. Bd3. Millenniets slut*.
Göteborg: Daidalos. ISBN 91-7173-118-0, 453 pages

Held, David (1999) *Global transformations. Politics, economics and culture*. London: Polity, 515 pages. ISBN 0-7456-1498-1 (inb).

Hobsbawm, Eric (1997) *Revolutionens tidsålder*.
Stockholm: Rabén Prisma. ISBN 91-518-3303-4 (hardback), 452 pages

Hobsbawm, Eric (1994) *Kapitalets tidsålder*.
Stockholm: Tiden. ISBN 91-550-4124-8 (hardback), 460 pages

Hobsbawm, Eric (1994) *Imperiernas tidsålder*.
Stockholm: Tiden.. ISBN 91-550-3985-5 (hardback), 508 pages

Hobsbawm, Eric (2003) *Ytterligheternas tidsålder. Det korta 1900-talet: 1914-1991*.
Stockholm: ePan. 452 pages. ISBN 91-7297-624-1, 696 pages

Theme: Criticism of culture and civilisation

McNeill, J R (2003) *Någonting är nytt under solen. Nittonhundratalets miljöhistoria*. Stockholm: SNS förlag. ISBN 91-7150-918-6 (hardback), 455 pages

Merchant, Caroline (1994) *Naturens död. Kvinnan, ekologin och den vetenskapliga revolutionen*.
Stockholm: Symposion. ISBN 91-7139-195-9 (hardback), 394 pages

Hourani, Albert (2001) *De arabiska folkens historia*.
Furulund: Alhambra. ISBN 91-88992-56-X, 432 pages

Said, Edward (2000) *Orientalism*.
Stockholm: Ordfront. ISBN 91-7324-794-4, 517 pages

Schama, Simon (1998) *Skog, landskap och minne. En civilisationshistoria*.
Stockholm: Wahlström och Widstrand. ISBN 91-46-17424-9 (hardback), 370 pages

Zinn, Howard (1999) *Det amerikanska folkets historia. Makten och medborgarna från Columbus till Clinton*. Stockholm: Ordfront, ISBN 91-89291-03-4 (hardback), 632 pages