



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Arts and Humanities  
Department of Cultural Sciences

4HI475 Äldre och åldrande under 1900-talet, 7,5 högskolepoäng  
Elderly and ageing during the twentieth century, 7.5 credits

### **Main field of study**

History

### **Subject Group**

History

### **Level of classification**

Second Level

### **Progression**

A1N

### **Date of Ratification**

Approved by Faculty of Arts and Humanities 2014-09-16  
The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2015

### **Prerequisites**

Bachelor's Degree in History or the equivalent, or 90 credits History including a degree project of at least 15 credits.

## Objectives

After completing the course, the student should be able to:

- discuss the elderly and ageing as a problem or an asset and how this has changed over time,
- compare the situation of the elderly today to their situation in the late 19th century,
- analyse the situation of the elderly from perspectives such as class, gender, marital status, ethnicity and generation,
- discuss perspectives of ageing and citizenship.

## Content

This course focuses on the elderly and ageing in terms of historical developments in society, from the late 19th century until today. The course discusses perspectives on the elderly and ageing on both societal and individual levels.

The course consists of the following parts, which form the bases of problematisation and compulsory seminars:

1. The elderly and ageing as a problem/asset – cultural, social, economic and political aspects.
2. Demography of the elderly – society structure and ageing.

3. The elderly and ageing from perspectives such as class, gender, marital status, ethnicity and generation.
4. The right to a good life in old age? Ageing and citizenship.

## Type of Instruction

The course consists of five compulsory seminars in which the course literature is discussed and problematised. In connection to each seminar the student writes a paper.

## Examination

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

The course is examined through active participation in seminars and papers related to the course literature. In order to receive the grade of Pass (G), the student must independently discuss the theme for each seminar based on the course literature, and actively participate in discussions of other participants' contributions.

## Course Evaluation

At the end of the course, a course evaluation is conducted and compiled into a report, which is made available to students and filed and stored according to departmental regulations.

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

*Från folkbrist till en åldrande befolkning. Glimtar ur en unik befolkningsstatistik under 250 år. Fakta inför 2000-talet.* SCB 1999 ISBN 91-618-1027-4, pp. 45–62. Available at scb.se. 18 p.

Andersson, Lars och Peter Öberg (eds.) *Jämlig ålderdom?: i samtiden och framtiden*. Liber 2012. ISBN 978-91-47-09696-1 In selection. 75 p.

Arber, Sara and Jay Ginn (eds.) *Connecting gender and ageing. A sociological approach*. Open University Press, 1995. ISBN 0-335-19471-0, 212 p.

Eliasson-Lappalainen, Rosmari & Marta Szebehely (eds.) *Vad förgår och vad består? En antologi om äldreomsorg, kvinnosyn och socialpolitik*, Lund: Arkiv 1998, ISBN 91-7924-111-5, pp. 81–100, 124–159. 50 p.

Esping-Andersen, Gösta. *The Incomplete Revolution. Adapting to women's new roles*. Polity, 2009 or later edition, ISBN 9780745643151, pp. 145–166. 20 p.

Gaunt, David och Göran Lantz (eds.) *Hemmet i vården, vården i hemmet*. Stockholm Liber 1996, ISBN 91-634-1702-2, pp 5–17, 39–64. 38 p.

Johansen, Hans Christian. "The position of the old in the rural household in a traditional society." *Scandinavian Economic History Review* 1976:2, ISSN 0358-5522, pp. 124–142. 18 p.

Lo-Johansson, Ivar. *Ålderdoms-Sverige. En stridsskrift*. Carlsson 1987 (1952). ISBN 91-7798-109-X, 181 p.

Odén, Birgitta. "Tidsperspektivet." *Att åldras i Sverige* / Birgitta Odén, Alvar Svanborg, Lars Tornstam, Stockholm 1993, ISBN 91-27-03467-4, pp. 15–85. 70 p.

Odén, Birgitta. "Rätten till en god ålderdom". in: *Rätten* / Lars M Andersson. (ed.). Lund: Nordic Academic Press 2000, ISBN 91-89116-15-1, pp. 82–100. 18 p.

Olofsson, Gunnar. "Det svenska pensionssystemet 1913–1993. Historia, struktur och konflikter." *Arkiv* 1993 (56/57), ISSN 0345-0333, pp. 29–84. 55 p.

Rosén, Ulla. *Gamla plikter och nya krav. En studie om egendom, kvinnosyn och äldreomsorg i det svenska agrarsamhället, 1815–1939*. Växjö University Press, 1994, ISBN 91-7636-429-1, selection. Ca 100 p.

Rosengren, Anna. *Åldrandet och språket. En språkhistorisk analys av hög ålder och åldrande i Sverige cirka 1875–1975*. Södertörn doctoral dissertations, 2011. ISBN 9789186069360 227 p.

Ruggles, Steven. “Reconsidering the Northwest European Family System: Living arrangements of the Aged in Comparative Historical Perspective”. *Population and Development Review* 35(2):249–273. 2009. ISSN 1728-4457, 24 p.

Thelin, Angelika. *Äldrefattigdom. Ekonomisk utsatthet i yngre ålderspensionärers vardag*. Linnaeus University Press, 2013. ISBN