



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
History

## Syllabus

### Introduction to historical studies

<b>Course Code:</b>	HIA600
<b>Course Title:</b>	Introduction to historical studies <i>Introduktionskurs till historievetenskapliga studier på avancerad nivå</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	7.5
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Master's level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (A1N)

**Major Field of Study:**  
HIA (History)

#### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2019-03-04, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2019 at Karlstad University.

#### Prerequisites

Bachelor degree of at least 180 ECTS credits with a major in History, History of Ideas, Cultural Studies, Religious Studies, Political Science, Social Science, Ethnology, Archeology, Sociology, Human Geography, or equivalent. Upper secondary level Swedish B/3 or Swedish as a Second Language B/3 and English A/6, or equivalent

#### Learning Outcomes

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

1. describe the emergence and societal role of history research in a Swedish and international perspective,
2. identify and analyse what can be considered the most important events in world history and lines of

development in European historiography,

3. reflect upon how power structures have been challenged and consolidated historiographically, and how this has influenced inequality and gender equality in society.

### **Content**

This course provides an introduction to advanced-level historical studies. Starting out from the perspective of historiography, the course offers an overview of developments in the Swedish and European writing of history over time. The course also examines how the writing of history has described, influenced, and been influenced by different kinds of power structures, for instance related to gender, class, and ethnicity.

### **Reading List**

See separate document.

### **Examination**

Assessment is based on active participation in seminars and individual written hand-in assignments.

### **Grades**

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course.

### **Quality Assurance**

Follow-up relating to learning conditions and goal-fulfilment takes place both during and upon completion of the course in order to ensure continuous improvement. Course evaluation is partly based on student views and experiences obtained in accordance with current regulations and partly on other data and documentation. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of any measures to be taken.

### **Course Certificate**

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

### **Additional information**

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor and Master levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.