



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
History

Syllabus

Cultural Heritage and the Cultural Turn

Course Code:	HIA610
Course Title:	Cultural Heritage and the Cultural Turn <i>Kulturarv och den kulturella vändningen</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Master's level
Progressive Specialisation:	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 2017-02-23, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2017 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements to Master level studies. Bachelor degree of 180 ECTS or with a Major in history, culture studies, history of ideas, religious studies, ethnology, anthropology, 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. give an account of cultural history methods in history research,
2. critically assess different types of cultural history source material,
3. give an account of the theoretical and methodological aspects of the cultural turn in a historiographical perspective,
4. analyse and reflect on the cultural history perspectives and how these affect our view of history,
5. apply a critical perspective to their own cultural traditions, and
6. discuss and problematise the concept of culture.

Content

The course provides specialised theoretical and methodological knowledge with a focus on the cultural heritage perspective and cultural history traditions. The course broadens the historical perspective on individual as well as collective forms of action and imaginaries. Anthropological, ethnological and historical mentality traditions are treated from a historiographical perspective as well as postmodern trends and the so called cultural turn. The course also provides an overview of aesthetical and cultural expressions in different epochs.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

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