



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
History

Syllabus

Research methods in cultural history

Course Code:	HIA670
Course Title:	Research methods in cultural history <i>Kulturhistorisk forskningsmetodik</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Master's level
Progressive Specialisation:	Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements (A1F)

Major Field of Study:
HIA (History)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2017-09-15, and is valid from the Spring semester 2018 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

HIA610 Cultural Heritage and the Cultural Turn 7.5 ECTS cr, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

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

1. critically and systematically analyse, assess and handle cultural history sources and research,
2. critically and independently identify and formulate cultural history problems,
3. plan and complete advanced tasks in research, information handling and text production with adequate methods within given time limits,
4. communicate research results, orally and in writing, in scholarly and popular science form, and
5. assess and discuss the ethical aspects of research and the potentials and limitations of the social sciences.

Content

The course provides knowledge of cultural history research methodology. Students develop skills in assessing, handling and using cultural history source material and in systematically describing and assessing previous research, including identifying the ethical aspects of research and publishing and analysing researchers' second-hand reports. Students practise presenting and discussing research, orally and in writing, and are guided in writing academic and target group adapted texts and to give others feedback on texts and presentations. Students are prepared for professions in which skills in text production, information handling and source criticism are required, while provided the opportunity to demonstrate the skills required for independent research or for tasks in other professional areas.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

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