



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
History

Syllabus

Master Thesis in History

Course Code:	HIA680
Course Title:	Master Thesis in History <i>Masteruppsats i historia</i>
Credits:	30
Degree Level:	Master's level
Progressive Specialisation:	Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits) (A2E)

Major Field of Study:
HIA (History)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2018-09-07, and is valid from the Spring semester 2019 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

HIA610 Cultural Heritage and the Cultural Turn 7.5 ERCTS credits, HIA620 The Use of History 7.5 ECTS credits, HIA660 Cultural Politics in a Historical Perspective 7.5 ECTS credits, HIA670 Research Methods in Cultural History 7.5 ECTS credits, or equivalent.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. initiate, plan and complete an independent thesis in history,
2. independently identify and formulate a relevant research problem in history,
3. apply theoretical perspectives of relevance to a chosen problem, from a national as well as international perspective,
4. choose an adequate research method for the problem and demonstrate familiarity with the academic requirements in history research,
5. critically and systematically analyse, assess and handle complex issues and phenomena relevant to the chosen problem,
6. identify their need of further knowledge in relation to the problem area and demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of the history research field,
7. make assessment with regard to scholarly, social and ethical considerations and demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development in the field of history.

Content

Students carry out an historical study presented in the form of Master thesis meeting the current degree requirements. The topic of the study and methodological approach are chosen by the students in consultation with a supervisor. The thesis is an independently produced project. Instruction is in the

form of individual and/or group supervision and some joint seminars.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on a written individual independent project, defended at a seminar and performance as peer reviewer and active participation in mandatory seminars.

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.

Supervision is normally offered for the course duration. Reregistered students may, on the approval of the course convener, be offered additional supervision for no more than 6 months after the end of the course.