



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

History

Syllabus

### **Course Approval**

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Arts and Social Sciences on 9 April 2013, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2013 at Karlstad University.

**Course Code:** HIASM1

**Independent Project in History I, 15.0 ECTS Credits**

**(Självständigt arbete i historia I, 15.0 Swedish credit points)**

**Degree Level:** Master

**Progressive Specialisation:** A2E (Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits))

### **Language of Instruction**

Swedish, other Scandinavian language or English

### **Prerequisites**

Bachelor's degree 180 ECTS cr with a Major in History and History 30 ECTS cr at Master's level. Upper secondary school level Swedish 3 or B, Swedish as a second language 3 or B and English 6 or B, or equivalent.

### **Major Field of Study**

HIA (History)

### **Learning Outcomes**

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

- initiate, plan and complete an independent academic project,
- independently identify and formulate a relevant research problem in the field of history,
- give an account of, explain and discuss current theoretical and methodological issues of relevance to the chosen problem in a national and international perspective,
- critically and systematically analyse, assess and handle complex issues and phenomena of relevance to the chosen problem, and
- make assessments taking into account scientific, social and ethical aspects and demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects concerning research and development projects in the field of history.

### **Content and Form of Instruction**

In combination with the course Independent project in History II 15 ECTS cr (HIASM2), this course fulfills the requirements of an independent project for a Master's degree with a Major in History. Instruction is in the form of individual and/or group supervision and seminars. Supervision is provided when the course is in progress. A student who has failed to earn a Pass grade for the project may receive additional supervision if circumstances permit.

### **Reading List**

See separate document.

## Examination

Assessment is based on an independently written project defended at a seminar, and on the student's performance as a peer reviewer of another student's project. The number of examination opportunities is limited to five.

## 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 assessment is based on student views and experiences as reported in written course evaluations and/or group discussions. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of the measures to be taken.

## Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

## Additional Information

Students who enrolled before 1 July 2007 will complete their studies in accordance with the requirements of the earlier admission. Upon completion students may request degree and course certificates to be issued under the current ordinance if they meet its requirements.

The course HIASM1 cannot be included in the same degree programme as the course HIAD01.

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

Required course for the Master's programme in social science with a Major in History (SAMAS), 120 ECTS cr.

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