



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
History

Syllabus

Swedish Economic History

Course Code:	HIG750
Course Title:	Swedish Economic History <i>Svensk ekonomisk historia</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements (G1N)

Major Field of Study:
HIA (History)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2021-03-01, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2021 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements

Learning Outcomes

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

1. give an account of key aspects of the economic development in Sweden and Western Europe over the last 400 years, and
2. discuss the concepts of agrarian revolution, industrialisation, and welfare state from a Swedish perspective.

Content

The course provides a basic understanding of how Sweden changed from being a poor country to one of the richest countries in the world, with a focus on industrialisation and the expansion of the welfare state. Sweden used to be seen internationally as a model country in

some ways. What enabled this transformation? Was this an exception in a longer period of history? The focus of the course, then, is economic and historical development in Sweden in the twentieth century, specifically regarding the labour market, the social security system, and welfare and housing policy, as well as education policy and industrial progress. The developments in Sweden are also related to a Western European perspective on economic history from the eighteenth century onwards.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

All learning outcomes are assessed on the basis of an individual written take-home exam and active participation in seminars.

If students have a decision from Karlstad University entitling them to Targeted Study Support due to a documented disability, the examiner has the right to give such students an adapted examination or to examine them in a different manner.

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.