

# Syllabus

for course at first level

**The Japanese Society Today**  
**Dagens japanska samhälle**

**7.5 Higher Education  
Credits**  
**7.5 ECTS credits**

<b>Course code:</b>	JKA921
<b>Valid from:</b>	Spring 2017
<b>Date of approval:</b>	2012-09-26
<b>Changed:</b>	2016-09-14
<b>Department</b>	Department of Asian and Middle Eastern studies
<b>Main field:</b>	Asia:s Languages and Cultures
<b>Specialisation:</b>	G1N - First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

## Decision

This syllabus was approved by the board of the Faculty of Humanities 2012-09-26, and revised by the Board of the Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies 2016-09-14.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Swedish upper secondary school course English B, or equivalent.

## Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
DK01	The Japanese Society Today	7.5

## Course content

This course provides an introduction to modern Japan from the perspective of culture, addressing material culture and everyday life, work culture and gender, corporate and political culture. Central contemporary issues are discussed against the backdrop of Japan's particular modernization and analyzed with a special focus on actors and interests.

## Learning outcomes

Having completed the course the student is expected to be able to:

- be able to identify societal issues crucial to modern Japan and explicate them within one chosen field
- be able to differentiate between Japan as national culture and other layers of culture within Japan
- be able to account for historical particularities of Japan's modernization
- know representative English-language research on modern Japan

## Education

The course is given in the form of lectures. Attendance at all teaching sessions is mandatory.

## Forms of examination

a. The course is examined on the basis of a written home exam.

b. Grades will be set according to a seven-point scale related to the learning objectives of the course: A = Excellent, B = Very Good, C = Good, D = Satisfactory, E = Adequate, Fx = Inadequate, F = Totally

Inadequate.

c. Students will be informed of the written grading criteria when the course starts. The grading criteria are binding.

d. In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade of E or higher on all examinations and meet the attendance requirements of 80%. Students with an attendance between 70-79% can receive a final grade after having completed compensatory assignments.

Under special circumstances, the examiner may, after consulting with the coordinating teacher, grant the student an exemption from the obligation to participate in certain mandatory attendance. The student can then be assigned a compensatory assignment.

e. At least two examination opportunities should be offered for each course. At least one examination opportunity should be offered during a semester when the course is not given.

Students who receive the grade E or higher may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade.

Students who receive the grade Fx or F twice by the same examiner are entitled to have another examiner appointed for the next examination, unless there are special reasons to the contrary. Such requests should be made to the department board.

f. This course does not include any opportunities to complete a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade.

### **Interim**

When the syllabus is discontinued, students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus once per semester during a transition period of three semesters.

### **Limitations**

This course may not be included in a degree together with a course, taken in Sweden or elsewhere, of identical or partially similar content.

### **Required reading**

For up-to-date information about required reading, please refer to the department website at [www.su.se/asia](http://www.su.se/asia). The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts.