

# Syllabus

for course at first level

**Japanese Popular Culture: Expression and Consumption**  
**Japansk populärkultur: uttryck och konsumtion**

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

<b>Course code:</b>	JKA932
<b>Valid from:</b>	Autumn 2016
<b>Date of approval:</b>	2012-03-21
<b>Changed:</b>	2016-02-24
<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 developed by the Faculty Board of Humanities 2012-03-21, and adopted by the Board of the Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies 2016-02-24.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Swedish upper secondary school course English B, or equivalent.

## Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
DK01	Japanese popular Culture	7.5

## Course content

The course gives an introduction the concept of "japanese popular culture" with a focus on objects, media and practice that have gained an increased popularity within and outside of Japan since the 19th century. The course uses examples from manga and anime in order to discuss different discourses of japanese (including alleged origins), labels such as "otaku" and "fujoshi", gender based genres as well as insider/outsider perspective of representations of sexuality. Against this backdrop, the course questions the concept of popular culture from a Japan related perspective.

## Learning outcomes

Having completed the course the student is expected to:

- account for the potential in and limitations of the concept of japanese popular culture
- explain the concepts of popular culture, sub culture, counter culture and their respective japanese features
- identify main traits if the local and global popularity of manga and anime
- discuss different perceptions of Japanese popular culture inside and outside of Japan

## Education

Instruction is given in the form of lectures. Attendance at all lectures is mandatory.

## Forms of examination

a. The course examined on the basis of a written exam by the end of the course. For a more detailed description, see the course description.

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 criterion-referenced grading criteria are binding.

d. In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade of E or higher on the examinations, and meet the attendance requirement of 80%. Under special circumstances, the examiner may, after consulting with the coordinating teacher, grant the student an exemption from the obligation of 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 have received 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 be included in a degree together with a course, taken in Sweden or elsewhere, of identical or partially similar content.

### **Required reading**

The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts. Please refer to the department website at [www.su.se/asia](http://www.su.se/asia)