Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

Stockholm University

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

Course code:	JKA932
Valid from:	Autumn 2019
Date of approval:	2012-03-21
Changed:	2019-03-13
Department	Department of Asian and Middle Eastern studies
Main field:	Asia:s Languages and Cultures
Specialisation:	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 2019-03-13.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Swedish upper secondary school course English B, or equivalent.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
DK11	Japanese Popular Culture	7.5

Course content

The course gives an introduction to conceptions of Japanese popular culture since the late 20th century. Through examples of visual popular culture, especially anime, this course addresses interrelations of aesthetics and economics. The course questions the concept of popular culture from a Japan-based perspective, while leaning primarily on media theory, subcultre research and anime/animation studies.

Learning outcomes

Having completed the course the student is expected to:
- account for the critical potential and limitations of an approach to Japan's entertaining media from the perspective of area studies
- identify main traits of the local and global popularity of Japan’s media culture
- summarize current trends within the academic study of anime and popular media in Japan

Education

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

For more detailed information please refer to the course description. The course description will be made available at least one month before the course starts.

Forms of examination

a. The course examined on the basis of a home exam by the end of the course. For a more detailed insformation, please refer to the course description. The course description will be made available at least one

month before the course starts.

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 assignement.

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 teh next examination, unless there are special reasons to contrary. Such requests should be made to the department board.

f. This course does not include any opportunities to complete a supplementary assignement 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