

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Fashion and Materiality

Mode och materialitet

7.5 Higher Education

Credits

7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	FS1408
Valid from:	Autumn 2013
Date of approval:	2013-02-27
Department	Department of Media Studies
Main field:	Fashion Studies
Specialisation:	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

The Faculty of Humanities at Stockholm University approved the syllabus on February 27, 2013.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor of Arts or equivalent. English B.

Course structure

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1408	Fashion and Materiality	7.5

Course content

Fashion objects are often examined by cultural historians, fashion theorists, economic historians and curators. This course explores the ways in which fashion items can be studied, and how they reflect the socio-cultural context in which they were created and worn. Through seminars, lectures and workshops the students will learn how to approach materiality and re-establish its significance from various perspectives.

Learning outcomes

After completing the course, students are expected to be able to:

- Explore the different methods that can be utilized in fashion studies when analyzing an object
- Analyze fashion objects in their socio-cultural context
- Critically reflect on the meaning behind the materiality of an object

Education

Teaching consists of lectures, seminars and workshops. All teaching will be conducted in English, and is compulsory.

For more detailed information, consult the course description.

Forms of examination

a.) The course is examined through an individually written take-home assignment. For more detailed information, please 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.) Written grading criteria are announced when the course begins.

d.) In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade E minimum on all mandatory assignments and attend at least 80% of classes. Exceptions to the attendance rule are made in case of illness or under other special circumstances. The student may then be required to submit a supplementary assignment.

Assignments not submitted on time cannot receive higher grades than D. Exceptions are made in case of illness or under other special circumstances.

e.) For each course occasion, at least two opportunities for examination must be offered during the same semester. At least one examination opportunity shall also be given during semesters or years when the course is not offered. Students with a passing grade (E or higher) may not retake the exam for 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 particular reasons to deny students this right. Such requests should be made to the Department Board. The completion of a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade on the home assignment may be permitted if the student is close to meeting the criteria for a passing grade.

f.) The supplementary assignment should be submitted within a week of the examiner notifying the student of the need to complete a supplementary assignment. Adequate corrections of flaws in the assignment related to understanding – minor misunderstandings, minor inaccuracies or too limited argumentation – can only receive grades D or E.

Interim

In the case that a course is no longer available, or the contents of the course have been comprehensively altered, the student is entitled to one opportunity per semester, during a period of three semesters, to be examined according to the original syllabus (taking into account the restrictions stated for assessment and examinations above). Proposals regarding this circumstance should be made to the board of the department.

Limitations

This course may not be included in a degree with other courses, completed in Sweden or elsewhere, with identical or partially overlapping content.

Required reading

The literature for the course will be available at www.ims.su.se no later than one month before the course starts.