

Education plan

for

Master's Programme in Asian Studies
Masterprogram i Asienstudier

120.0 Higher Education
Credits
120.0 ECTS credits

Programme code: HMASO
Valid from: Autumn 2015
Date of approval: 2015-03-03
Department: Department of Asian and Middle Eastern studies

Decision

This syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Humanities, 2015-03-03.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's degree (including a thesis of at least 15 credits in either Chinese, Japanese or Korean) in Asia:s Languages and Cultures, or the equivalent thereof, as well as English B/English 6.

Programme structure

The Master's programme in Asian Studies is an interdisciplinary program that provides an in-depth proficiency in Asia:s languages and cultures, with its main focus on Japan, China and Korea. The program also provides in-depth training in one of the major East Asian languages, Chinese, Japanese and Korean.

The programme's focus is on developing the student's ability in scientific analysis of East Asia as a whole, which is partly achieved by studying source material in each language, partly through in-depth studies of the other countries. By combining general studies with country-specific knowledge, the student has opportunities to discuss and contextualize East Asia, even on a global level.

Within the programme it is possible to conduct an internship or field work, as well as studies abroad. During the third semester, the students may choose to take the elective courses at another university, for example in China, Japan or Korea.

The programme consists of four semesters of full-time studies, including 60 credits of compulsory courses, one semester (30 credits), which can consist of internships, or studies at another university, or elective courses (or a combination of these), and finally a 30 credit degree project (Master's thesis). The thesis is written in the language that the student has written his or her bachelor's thesis in. In total, at least 75 credits are studied in Asia:s languages and cultures.

The programme prepares students for work in industry, government, international organizations, research and development, media and journalism, in positions which require in-depth knowledge and analysis on issues related to Asia, as well as a good knowledge of an East Asian language. The program also provides access to third level education.

Instruction is in English.

Goals

Master's degree

Knowledge and understanding

The student should:

- demonstrate proficiency and understanding within the main area of the education, including a broad level of proficiency within the discipline as well as extensive in-depth proficiency within certain parts of the discipline, and in-depth insight concerning current research and development work, and
- demonstrate in-depth proficiency concerning methods within the main discipline of the education.

Proficiency and ability

The student should:

- demonstrate an ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and to analyze, assess and handle complex courses of events, questions and situations, also with a limited amount of information,
- demonstrate an ability to critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate questions, to plan and with adequate methods carry out qualified assignments within a given time-frame and thereby contribute to the development of knowledge, as well as to evaluate this work,
- demonstrate an ability to, in national as well as international contexts, orally and in writing account for and discuss his/her conclusions as well as the knowledge and arguments behind these in dialogue with various groups, and
- demonstrate such an ability that is required in order to partake in research and development work or to independently work in another qualified area.

Evaluatory ability and approach

The student should:

- demonstrate an ability to, within the main area of studies, pass judgements in accordance with relevant academic, social and ethical aspects, as well as to demonstrate an awareness of the ethical aspects of research and development work,
- demonstrate an insight into the possibilities and limits of science, its role in society and the responsibility of people concerning how to make use of it,
- demonstrate an ability to identify his/her need to further deepen his/her knowledge and to take responsibility for his/her own academic development.

Courses

Studies and compulsory courses

First semester

Cultural Flows and Political Relations in East Asia, 7.5 credits (main area Asia:s Languages and Cultures)
Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7.5 credits (main area Philosophy)

For Japanese:

Japanese VI, 7.5 credits (main area Asia:s Languages and Cultures)
Japanese VII, 7.5 credits (main area Asia:s Languages and Cultures)

For Chinese:

Advanced Modern Chinese I, 7.5 credits (main area Asia:s Languages and Cultures)
Advanced Modern Chinese II, 7.5 credits (main area Asia:s Languages and Cultures)

For Korean:

Korean VI, 7.5 credits (main area Asia:s Languages and Cultures)
Korean VII, 7.5 credits (main area Asia:s Languages and Cultures)

Second semester

East Asian History, 7.5 credits (main area Asia:s Languages and Cultures)
Contemporary Cultural Politics and Identity in East Asia, 7.5 credits (main area Asia:s Languages and Cultures)
Theory and Method in Asian studies, 7.5 credits (main area Asia:s Languages and Cultures)
English for Academic Research, 7.5 credits (main area English)

Third semester

Four elective courses of in total 30 credits. They can also be substituted for by an internship or studies abroad. Out of the four elective courses, the student must choose at least one -- course. Election of courses is to be done in consultation with the Director of Studies.

Fourth semester

Master course, 30 credits (main area Asia:s Languages and Cultures).

The degree project (Master's thesis) is written within the respective languages: Japanese, Chinese or Korean.

For special eligibility requirements, see the respective syllabus. The elective courses available are announced at www.hum.su.se/kursutbud at the latest September 15:th and March 15:th.

A maximum of 30 credits of first cycle courses is allowed.

Degree

The program results in a Master of Arts degree (120 credits) in Asia:s Languages and Cultures.

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Interim regulation: When the program is no longer given and its educational plan is abrogated, the student has the right to finish his/her education according to this syllabus, though at the latest after the program's nominal running time plus two years. Therewith the limitations in the syllabuses of the respective courses which are part of the education program apply. Alternatively, an equivalent education is offered.