

# Syllabus

for course at first level

**Early Chinese History**  
**Kinas äldre historia**

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

<b>Course code:</b>	KI1315
<b>Valid from:</b>	Autumn 2018
<b>Date of approval:</b>	2015-02-25
<b>Changed:</b>	2018-03-14
<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 developed by the Board of the Faculty of Humanities 2015-02-25 and was revised by the Board of the Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies 2018-03-14.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Swedish upper secondary school course English B, or equivalent.

## Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
DK01	Early Chinese History	7.5

## Course content

This course provides basic knowledge about the premodern history of China and cultural development, from the Shang dynasty until the fall of the empire. Elementary historiographical methods and traditions are studied, as well as the most important sources. Both a Western and a Chinese perspective will be applied when investigating the premodern history of China.

## Learning outcomes

In order to pass the course, students are expected to be able to:

- account for and discuss important historical periods and developmental trends in pre-imperial and imperial China,
- show knowledge of the most important historical and historiographical Chinese and Western sources to the pre-imperial and the imperial history of China.

## Education

Instruction is given in the form of lectures and seminars. The attendance on all instruction is obligatory. The instruction is given in English. For more detailed information please refer to the course description. The course description will be available no later than one month before the course starts.

## Forms of examination

a. The course is examined on the basis of a written take-home exam. For more detailed information, please refer to the course description. The course description will be available no later than 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 communicated grading criteria are binding.

d. In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade of E or higher on the take-home exam and fulfill the attendance requirement of 80 percent.

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 course elements. The student may then be assigned a compensatory assignment.

e. At least two examination opportunities should be offered for each occasion the course is given. 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. The completion of a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade is possible. The assignment should be submitted within one week of the examiner notifying the student of the need to complete a supplementary assignment. Adequate corrections of flaws related to understanding - minor misunderstandings, minor inaccuracies or too limited arguments - will receive the grade E. Adequate corrections of simple mistakes related to formatting will be graded using the grades A-E.

### **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**

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