Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies



Syllabus

for course at advanced level

East Asian history Östasiens historia

7.5 Higher Education Credits 7.5 ECTS credits

 Course code:
 JK0200

 Valid from:
 Spring 2016

 Date of approval:
 2015-09-15

Department Department of Asian and Middle Eastern studies

Main field: Asia:s Languages and Cultures

Specialisation: A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus was adopted by the board of the Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies at Stockholm University on 2015-09-15.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's degree in Asian Languages and Cultures, including a degree project of at least 15 ECTS credits, or the equivalent. English B/English 6, or the equivalent.

Course structure

Examination codeNameHigher Education CreditsDK01East Asian history7.5

Course content

The purpose of the course is to conceptually define East Asian history as a part of world history, moving from an earlier historiography dominated by a eurocentric view towards a more global view, which comprises intraregional perspectives on national identity and history as well as international relations.

The students are trained in critical analysis of Chinese, Japanese and Korean history (mostly modern history) and historiography, political rhetoric and debate on tradition versus modernization.

Learning outcomes

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

- account for non-eurocentric perspectives on East Asian history and historiography.
- critically analyze academic literature within the areas of Chinese, Japanese and Korean history, as well as contemporary debate on foreign policy in East Asia, in addition to how historiography can be used for political purposes.
- reflect on why certain perceptions of "history" are emphasized and others kept back has become increasingly important in the contemporary context of increased nationalism and geopolitical tension in East Asia.

Education

Instruction is given in the form of seminars. Attendance at all seminars is mandatory. The language of instruction is English.

For more detailed information, please refer to the course description.

Forms of examination

- a. The course is examined on the basis of a written assignment in the form a take-home examination at the end of the course. For more detailed information, please refer to 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.
- d. In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade of E or higher on all examinations, complete all mandatory assignments and meet the attendance requirement 80 %. Students with 70-79% attendance can get a final grade after completing a supplementary 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 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. This course does not include any opportunities to complete a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade. For more detailed information, please refer to the course description.

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.

Misc

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

For up-to-date information about required reading, please refer to the department website at www.orient.su.se. The current reading list will be made available at least one month before the course starts.