

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Contemporary cultural politics and identity in East Asia
Samtida kulturpolitik och identitet i Östasien

**7.5 Higher Education
Credits**
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Course code:	JK0300
Valid from:	Spring 2018
Date of approval:	2015-09-15
Changed:	2017-09-15
Department	Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish 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, and revised on 2017-09-15.

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 code	Name	Higher Education Credits
DK01	Contemporary cultural politics and identity in East Asia	7.5

Course content

The course discusses the dynamic processes in the cultural politics of East Asian countries and studies how they shape local, regional, national or transnational identities in a given period. The main focus of the course is on current cultural-political strategies undertaken by the East Asian countries to meet the challenges of the contemporary epoch when culture is regarded as a key dimension of globalization. As background for understanding recent innovations and developments in the cultural politics of South and North Korea, China and Japan, the changes of priorities in previous periods will be reviewed as well.

Learning outcomes

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

- recognize significant changes in the cultural-political strategies of the East Asian countries in different epochs
- explain the historical context, cultural circumstances, political and social-economic condition and institutional background for formulating and implementing cultural-political changes
- reflect on the complex relationships between cultural politics and the policies of identity

Education

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

Course requirements: an oral presentation and written assignments are mandatory elements of the course.

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 is examined on the basis of a case study, which is presented orally during the course and in writing at the end of the course. The subject of the case study is chosen in consultation with the examiner. 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 the case study and meet the attendance requirement 80 %. The principles for weighting individual course assignments are described in the grading criteria.

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 can then be assigned a compensatory assignment.

e. At least one examination opportunity 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.su.se/asia. The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts.