

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Theory and method in Asian studies
Teori och metod i Asienstudier

**7.5 Higher Education
Credits**
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	JK0400
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 code	Name	Higher Education Credits
DK01	Theory and method in Asian studies	7.5

Course content

The aim of the course is to deepen the students' knowledge of relevant theoretical questions at issue and the current debate within Asian studies. The course emphasizes relevant methods for interpretation and qualitative evaluation within the own area of research.

Students study interdisciplinary literature, including academic sources in Chinese, Japanese or Korean, are about contemporary Asian culture, society, history or politics.

The student produces a research proposal for a degree project on advanced level in consultation with the teacher, and the research proposal is presented at a seminar.

Learning outcomes

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

- identify and account for important theories, methods and questions at issue within Asian studies and the academic debate regarding Asia
- demonstrate knowledge of the most important academic sources in Chinese, Japanese or Korean within the own area of research

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 research proposal for a degree project on advanced level, and an evaluation of the oral skills which are demonstrated at seminars. 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 one month before the course starts.