

Department of Media Studies

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Mobilizing the Archive: Archival Experiences from Analog to Digital Arkiv i praktiken: Från analoga arkiverfarenheter till digitala

7.5 Higher Education Credits 7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:
Valid from:
Date of approval:
Department

Main field: Specialisation: FV7322 Spring 2018 2017-05-17 Department of Media Studies

Cinema History and Theory/Cinema Studies A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus was established by the Faculty Board of Humanities 2017-05-17 and adopted by the Board of the Department of Media Studies 2017-05-17.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

90 ECTS credits in the historical-philosophical field, including a thesis of 15 ECTS credits. English B/English 6 or equivalent.

Course structure

Examination codeNameAP01Mobilizing the Archive

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Course content

The course offers critical and analytical tools for studying today's archives. The research seminar provides perspectives on various archival constellations (from a historical perspective), intersections among them, as well as how research and historiographies in the field of Cinema Studies have been influenced by these changes regarding access to material and accessibility to "Big Data". The seminar is based on case studies and examples of different scientific approaches to archival material.

Learning outcomes

After completing the course, students are expected to be able to demonstrate:

- In-depth knowledge of key concepts and the current research situation in archive research;

- The ability to analytically discuss the contemporary archive culture from theoretical and historical perspectives;

- ability to critically evaluate and formulate research questions related to archives in independent academic paper.

Education

Instruction is given in the form of lectures, seminars, group exercises, and screenings. The language of instruction is English. A course description will be made available no later than one month before the course starts.

Forms of examination

a.) The course is examined through an individually written take-home assignment and oral presentation. For more detailed information, please see 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 = Unacceptable

c.) Written grading criteria are announced when the course begins.

d.) In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade E minimum on all mandatory assignments. Exceptions to the attendance rule are made in case of illness or under other special circumstances. The student may then be required to submit a supplementary assignment.

e.) For each course occasion, at least two opportunities for examination must be offered during the same semester. At least one examination opportunity shall also be given during semesters or years when the course is not offered. Students with a passing grade (E or higher) may not retake the exam for 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 particular reasons to deny students this right. Such requests should be made to the Department Board. The completion of a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade on the home assignment may be permitted if the student is close to meeting the criteria for a passing grade.

f.) The supplementary assignment should be submitted within two weeks of the examiner notifying the student of the need to complete a supplementary assignment. Adequate corrections are graded A-E.

Interim

When the syllabus has been 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 with other courses, completed in Sweden or elsewhere, with identical or partially overlapping content.

Required reading

Literature for the course is available at www.ims.su.se no later than two months ahead of the first class.