

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Themes in Middle East Ethnography: Discourse, Politics, Culture
Teman i Mellanösterns etnografi: Diskurs, politik, kultur

**7.5 Higher Education
Credits**
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	ABMETH
Valid from:	Spring 2018
Date of approval:	2017-10-18
Department	Department of Asian and Middle Eastern studies
Main field:	Mellanösterns språk och kulturer
Specialisation:	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus was developed by the Faculty Board of Humanities 2017-10-18 and adopted by the Board of the Department 2017-10-18.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's degree in humanities, social sciences or law, including a bachelor's thesis comprising a minimum of 15 ECTS, and English 6.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
AB01	Themes in Middle East Ethnography	7.5

Course content

This course offers students rich and varied insights into contemporary life in the Middle East by exposing them to cutting-edge ethnographic literature that critically addresses a variety of issues (Islam, history, gender, urbanization, globalization and modernity, media and politics). How are these works conceived and written? Which themes and issues seem to predominate and why? How are they treated theoretically? Not all countries will be represented in the readings, but the course will ask whether or not these texts provide insights into practices and debates in the larger region and how well they speak to wider concerns and debates.

Learning outcomes

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

- Show in-depth knowledge about current directions and debates in ethnographic writing and research.
- Show in-depth knowledge about ethnographic literature on culture and society in the Middle East.
- Be able to reflect, in a critical and independent way, on current debates regarding everyday life in the Middle East
- Formulate a well-organized argument supported by evidence.
- Demonstrate the ability to read, evaluate and interpret, as well as reflect in a critical and independent way on, social scientific information.
- Communicate effectively in an oral presentation.

Education

Instruction is given in the form of lectures and seminars. The language of instruction is English. Attendance at all teaching sessions is obligatory.

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 seminar assignments and written assignments.
- 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. Once set, the grading criteria related to the learning objectives of the course are binding.
- d) In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade of E or higher, alternatively a passed grade, on all examination assignments and meet the attendance requirement of 80%. 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 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 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. Students who receive the grade E or higher may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade. Students who receive the grade E or higher may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade.
- f. This course does not include any opportunities to complete a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade.

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

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.