

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Fashion Studies - Master's Thesis
Modevetenskap - masterkurs

**30.0 Higher Education
Credits**
30.0 ECTS credits

Course code:	FS1112
Valid from:	Spring 2019
Date of approval:	2018-06-29
Department	Department of Media Studies
Main field:	Fashion Studies
Specialisation:	A2E - Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits)

Decision

This syllabus was adopted by the Faculty Board of Humanities 2013-09-25.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Admitted to the Master's Programme in Fashion Studies.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
FSEX	Master's Thesis	30

Course content

The student completes a written degree project on an topic approved by the supervisor. The thesis is then critically reviewed and defended at a final seminar.

Learning outcomes

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

- Critically, independently and creatively identify and assess a research project relevant to Fashion Studies.
- Formulate questions and integrate relevant knowledge with the chosen project.
- Plan and complete the assignment within a given timeframe
- Apply adequate methods to the chosen question/issue.
- Explain national and international research results both verbally and in writing and evaluate their usefulness for the project.
- Discuss and argue for their conclusions in dialogue with other groups.
- Critically assess and evaluate the scientific, social, and ethical aspects as well as the results of the thesis.

Education

Teaching consists of preparatory seminars, peer-review seminars, meetings with supervisors and a final seminar. The language of instruction is English. For more detailed information, please see the course description.

Forms of examination

The course is examined through the completion of an individually written degree dissertation (thesis). 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 = Totally Inadequate

The thesis work is evaluated and graded by an examiner appointed by the supervisory board.

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 the thesis, and have successfully defended and critically examined another student's thesis. A thesis work not submitted on time cannot receive a higher grade than D. Exceptions can be made in case of illness if a supporting doctor's note can be presented. Participation in peer-review seminars, presentation to supervisors and other students as well as participation in the final seminar are all mandatory parts of the course.

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.

f.) Revisions in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade may be permitted if the student is close to meeting the criteria for a passing grade. These revisions should be submitted within a week of notification from the examiner. Adequate corrections of flaws related to understanding – minor misunderstandings, minor inaccuracies or too limited argumentation – can only receive grades D or E.

g.) Students are entitled to a total of 20 hours of supervision. Reading of thesis scripts is included and deducted from these hours. Supervision hours may be individual or with a smaller group.

h.) In assessing the degree project, the following assessment bases will be used:

1. Understanding of the submitted assignment;
2. implementation of the survey / theoretical task;
3. knowledge of the theoretical background;
4. interpretation and analysis of results;
5. independence;
6. Ability to stay within the the established timeframe;
7. Presentation - oral presentation;
8. Presentation - Written Account,

i.) Change of supervisor may take place under special circumstances. The request for such a change, with reasons, must always be made with the Department Board. Changes of examiner can only take place after a student has failed the course. See above under e) where the rules for this are stated.

j.) Students who fail to complete the thesis project on time are not entitled to additional supervision hours. Students are however, always entitled to have his / her degree project assessed at the next examination opportunity. A re-submitted thesis work cannot receive a higher grade than D.

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.

Required reading

Literature for the course is available at www.ims.su.se no later than one month ahead of the first class. Additional literature is chosen in dialogue with the supervisor.