

# Syllabus

for course at first level

**Modern history of the Middle East**  
**Mellanösterns moderna historia**

**7.5 Higher Education  
Credits**  
**7.5 ECTS credits**

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| <b>Course code:</b>      | ABMGF5   |
| <b>Valid from:</b>       | Autumn 2020  |
| <b>Date of approval:</b> | 2020-02-12   |
| <b>Department</b>        | Department of Asian and Middle Eastern studies                       |
| <b>Main field:</b>       | Mellanösterns språk och kulturer                                     |
| <b>Specialisation:</b>   | G1N - First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements |

## Decision

The course has been approved by the Board of the Faculty of Humanities on 2020-02-12 and the syllabus for the course has been adopted by the Board of the Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies on 2020-02-12.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Swedish upper secondary school course English B, or equivalent.

## Course structure

| Examination code | Name                              | Higher Education Credits |
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| AB01             | Modern history of the Middle East | 7.5                      |

## Course content

This course gives an overview of the historical development in the Middle East and North Africa from the middle of the 16th century until the present. The emphasis will be put on the rise and fall of the Ottoman Empire, imperialism and the formation of independent states. The course aims to give the students a historical background to the current Middle East through a study of the political factors that resulted in the formation of the present nation states, thus demonstrating how contemporary courses of events can be elucidated through an analysis of both imperialism and local factors in the region.

## Learning outcomes

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

- Identify central events and persons in the historical development in the Middle East and North Africa from 16th century until the present.
- Show knowledge on the effect of imperialism on the region and on the formation of independent nation states.

## Education

The instruction will consist of lectures and seminars. Attendance on all instruction is compulsory. The instruction will be conducted in the language stated for the respective course instance. For more detailed information please refer to the course description. The course description will be available one month before the course starts.

**Forms of examination**

a) The course is examined on the basis of a written take home assignment, in the form of an essay assignment. The language of examination, Swedish or English, will be the language stated for the respective course instance. For more detailed information please refer to the course description. The course description will be available one month before the course starts.

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) The student will be informed of the written grading criteria when the course starts. The communicated grading criteria are binding.

d) In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade of E or higher on all examinations and meet the attendance requirement of 80 percent.

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 teaching. The student may then be assigned a compensatory assignment.

e) At least two examination opportunities should be offered for each course when it is given. At least one examination opportunity should be offered during an academic year 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 person responsible for the course.

A student who receives the grade E or higher may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade.

f) The completion of a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade is not permitted for this course.

**Interim**

When the syllabus is discontinued, a student has the right to be examined according to this syllabus once per semester during a winding up period of three semesters.

**Limitations**

This course may not be included in a degree together with a passed 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/mena](http://www.su.se/asia/mena). The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts.