

Syllabus

for course at first level

The Premodern history of China
Kinas förmoderna historia

7.5 Higher Education
Credits
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	KI1325
Valid from:	Autumn 2021
Date of approval:	2021-03-10
Department	Department of Asian and Middle Eastern studies
Main field:	Asia:s Languages and Cultures
Specialisation:	G1N - First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus was adopted by the Board of the Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies 2021-03-10.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Basic eligibility.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
DK01	The Premodern History of China	7.5

Course content

The course gives basic knowledge about the premodern history of China and its cultural development from the Shang Dynasty to the end of imperial China. Basic historiographic methods and traditions will be studied, as well as the most important sources. The premodern history of China will be investigated both from a Western and a Chinese perspective.

Learning outcomes

After having completed the course, students are expected to be able to:

- give an account of and discuss important historical periods and lines of development in both pre-imperial and imperial China
- demonstrate an understanding of central Chinese and Western historical and historiographical sources about both pre-imperial and imperial China.

Education

Instruction is given in the form of lectures.

Instruction is given in the language specified for each respective course instance.

Attendance at all teaching sessions is mandatory.

Forms of examination

a. The course examined on the basis of a digital home exam by the end of the course.

When the course is offered in English, the language of examination is English.

If a student has a certificate regarding particular pedagogical assistance due to a disability the examiner has the right to give an adapted examination or to permit the student to conduct the examination in an alternative way.

For a more detailed information, please refer to the course description. The course description will be made available at least 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. Students will be informed of the written grading criteria when the course starts. The criterion-referenced grading criteria are binding.

d. In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade of E or higher on the examinations, 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 of mandatory attendance. The student can then be assigned a compensatory assignment.

e. At least two examination opportunities should be offered for each course instance. 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 have received 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 contrary. Such requests should be made to the department board.

f) The completion of a supplementary assignment 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. The assignment should be submitted within a week of the examiner notifying the student of the need to complete a supplementary assignment. Adequate corrections of flaws related to understanding – minor misunderstandings, minor inaccuracies or too limited arguments – will receive the grade E. Adequate corrections of simple mistakes related to formatting will be graded using the grades A-E.

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. The course has basically the same contents as the course The Early History of China, KI1315, and cannot be counted together with this course in a degree.

Required reading

The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts. Please refer to the department website at www.su.se/asia or the corresponding page of the Stockholm University Education Web.