

# Syllabus

for course at first level

**East Asian Languages and Cultures - an overview**  
**Östasiens språk och kulturer - en översikt**

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

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| <b>Course code:</b>      | JK0900   |
| <b>Valid from:</b>       | Summer 2022  |
| <b>Date of approval:</b> | 2021-10-20   |
| <b>Department</b>        | Department of Asian and Middle Eastern studies                       |
| <b>Main field:</b>       | Asia:s Languages and Cultures  |
| <b>Specialisation:</b>   | 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 2021-10-20.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

### Course structure

| Examination code | Name                              | Higher Education Credits |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| DK01             | East Asian Languages and Cultures | 7.5                      |

### Course content

The course treats the history, culture, languages and social development of East Asia. The course gives a broad orientation about both historical and contemporary connections and currents between the languages in East Asia, as well as an understanding of the characteristics of the individual languages, their grammatical structure and writing system. The course also highlights cultural influences between the regions, historically and at present, problematizes the views on East Asia and gives an overview over central developments which have had an impact on the sociocultural, socioeconomical and sociopolitical situation. The course does not require any preknowledge of the languages of the region.

### Learning outcomes

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

- show basic factual knowledge about the region,
- identify the characteristics of the three largest languages of the region: Chinese (Mandarin), Japanese and Korean and how these languages are related to each other,
- identify central aspects of culture and society which have had a more significant impact on the region.

### Education

Instruction is given in the form of lectures.

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

Instruction is either online or campus-based as specified for each course offering.

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 with a written assignment in the form of a home examination. 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.

If a student has a certificate with recommendations for special pedagogical support due to a long-term disability, the examiner can adapt the examination or allow the student an alternative examination.

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 = Fail, some additional work required and F = Fail, much more work required.

c. Students will be informed of the written grading criteria when the course starts.

d. In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade of E or higher on the written exam and meet the attendance requirements of 80%.

e. At least three examination opportunities should be offered within a one-year period. At least one examination opportunity should be offered during the academic year the course is not offered.

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 Director of Studies.

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 or F 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 course website at <https://www.su.se/institutionen-for-asien-och-mellanosternstudier/>

The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts.