

SYLLABUS

Advanced theory and method in historical research 7.5 credits H7008N

Avancerad teori och metod för historisk forskning

Course syllabus admitted: Spring 2024 Sp 3 - Present

**DECISION DATE
2023-02-15**

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Second cycle, H7008N

Education level	Grade scale	Subject	Subject group (SCB)
Second cycle	U G VG	Historia	History

Main field of study

History

Entry requirements

A bachelor's degree equivalent, 180 credits, in which the main field of study (at least 90 credits, including a thesis of at least 15 credits) is history.

Selection

The selection is based on 30-285 credits

Course Aim

After completing the course participants should be able to:

Knowledge and understanding:

- account for, reflect on and use theories and methods within historical research and neighboring disciplines
- account for and reflect on the scientific theoretical prerequisites for historical research
- show broad knowledge of theory in history and theory in neighboring disciplines that are relevant to the science of history
- show broad knowledge of methods for studying different types of source material of relevance for historical research
- account for and reflect on the relationship between theory and method, including the theoretical implications of method choice

Competence and skills:

- with the help of theoretical tools from the field of history and other disciplines of relevance for history, plan a historical research task with regard to the formulation of aim, research questions and choice of sources and methods
- explain historical events, phenomena and processes of change using theoretical tools from history and other disciplines relevant to history,
- critically analyze different types of sources and combinations of sources, using methodological tools from history and other disciplines relevant to history,
- reflect on how the choice of method and perspective is connected with scientific theoretical position and the researcher's self-understanding

Judgement and approach:

- make independent research ethical assessments and discuss the role of historical research in society.

Contents

History is a subject that describes, but above all, explains societal changes and events in the past. Historical research can thus contribute with knowledge that helps us deal with complex changes and problems in our time.

This course deals with theories and methods of relevance for historical research at advanced level. The course consists of exercises where different theories, often developed in subjects other than history, are discussed and applied to historical problems. The course also consists of practical exercises with valuable scientific methods that can be used in historical research.

The course places particular emphasis on developing an understanding of the relationship between theory and method and how the choice of theoretical approach can affect research processes and interpretations of source material. In this way, the course provides in-depth insights and skills in theory and method.

Realization

Each course occasion's language and form is stated and appear on the course page on Luleå University of Technology's website.

The course includes seminars, individual assignments, and online lectures.

Parts of the implementation of the course may take place in English.

Examination

If there is a decision on special educational support, in accordance with the Guideline Student's rights and obligations at Luleå University of Technology, an adapted or alternative form of examination can be provided.

The course is partly examined through participation in seminars (3.0 ECTS). Partly through an individual written submission (4.5 ECTS).

Unauthorized aids during exams and assessments

If a student, by using unauthorized aids, tries to mislead during an exam or when a study performance is to be assessed, disciplinary measures may be taken. The term "unauthorized aids" refers to aids that the teacher has not previously specified as permissible aids and that may assist in solving the examination task. This means that all aids not specified as permissible are prohibited. The Swedish version has interpretative precedence in the event of a conflict.

Remarks

Students must register for the courses themselves, or contact ETKS educational administration eduetks@ltu.se, no later than three days after the quarter commences. Failure to do so can result in the place being lost. This rule also applies to students with a guaranteed place.

Together with the course H7007N Historical studies of technology, science, and environment, this course prepares for H7004N- Master's thesis in history, which can then be included in a master's degree.

Course offered by

Department of Social Sciences, Technology and Arts

Modules

Code	Description	Grade scale	Cr	Status	From period	Title
0001	Seminars	U G#	3	Mandatory	S24	
0002	Individual written submission	U G VG	4.5	Mandatory	S24	

Study guidance

Study guidance for the course is to be found in our learning platform Canvas before the course starts. Students applying for single subject courses get more information in the Welcome letter. You will find the learning platform via My LTU.

Syllabus established

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