



UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG

FACULTY OF ARTS

HI1440, Western Colonialism and Imperialism, 15,0 higher education credits

Västerländsk kolonialism och imperialism, 15.0 högskolepoäng

First Cycle

1. Confirmation

The course syllabus was confirmed by Humanistiska fakultetsnämnden on 2011-03-24 to be valid from 2011-03-24.

Field of education: Arts 100 %

Department: Department of Historical Studies

2. Position in the educational system

Main field of studies

History

Specialization

G1N, First Cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

3. Entry requirements

General entrance requirements

4. Course content

The course is conducted in the form of lectures and seminars. To begin with, all students study a few key works that are focused on Western colonialism from various perspectives. These works are then discussed during introductory lectures and seminars. Following this there is an opportunity to examine various aspects of, or epochs in the history of Western colonialism in more detail through the study of more specialised literature. Examination is carried out via home examination and/or memorandum discussion.

5. Learning outcomes

After completion of the course the student is expected to be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- display basic knowledge on Western colonialism and some of the most influential descriptions and interpretations of it

Skills and abilities

- independently analyse and discuss examples of Western colonialism and adopt a critical approach to them,
- at a general level, conduct comparative discussions about various aspects of the history of Western colonialism,

Critical thinking and approach

- discuss possible reasons for differences and similarities in the course of events or processes that have been studied,
- display familiarity with a specific aspect of, or epoch in the history of Western colonialism, and ability to discuss this within a broader historical context.

6. Literature

Literature will be permanent eight weeks before course start.

7. Assessment

The course is assessed via home examination, as well as written compositions and seminar memorandum discussions. A pass also requires students to participate actively in literature and memorandum seminars. Students who fail the examination are entitled to retake in order to pass. Students who pass the examination may not retake in order to gain a higher grade. Students are entitled to change examiner if they have been failed twice for the same examination, if it is practical to do so. Such a request must be submitted in writing to the department.

8. Grading scale

The grading scale comprises Fail (U), Pass (G), Pass with Distinction (VG).

Any other grading scale presupposes granted exemption. (The decision regarding grading scale has been delegated to the Faculty Board in accordance with the chain of command 2006-06-08)

Regarding the application of ECTS scales, please see Vice-Chancellors decision 2007-05-28, dnr G 8 1976/07.

9. Course evaluation

Course evaluation is carried out by a formula at the end of the course. The results and possible changes in the course will be shared with the students who participated in the evaluation and to those who are beginning the course.

10. Additional information

Language of instruction: English.