



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY AND SOCIETY

EHG081 Economic and Social History of Göteborg, 15 credits

Göteborgs ekonomiska och sociala historia, 15 högskolepoäng

First Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Economy and Society on 2021-01-19 and was last revised on 2024-02-27 to be valid from 2024-09-02, autumn semester of 2024.

Field of education: Social Sciences 100%

Department: Department of Economy and Society

Position in the educational system

The course is a single subject course at undergraduate level.

Main field of studies

Economic History

Specialization

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

Entry requirements

General entrance requirements.

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

- a - give an account of the concept urbanisation in its different context,
- b - highlight how central problems in the local- and city-historical research field have been treated in scientific literature;
- c - give an account of the fundamental features of Gothenburg's economic and social history from the 17th century to present times in relation to both literature and source material.

Course content

The course consists of two components and has an aim to give increased understanding of the urbanisation process and how the city Gothenburg and the earlier cities in the Göta älv valley have grown since the 11th century in relation to other cities in both Sweden and international.

The course participants will receive an introduction to archival materials that highlight the history of the city and use these historical sources in the examining components of the course.

Part 1: The pre-industrial city, 7.5 credits

In the first component, Gothenburg and its early the earlier cities in the Göta älv valley are treated up to about 1815 from an international perspective. The relation of the city to other cities is treated as well as basic theories of the origin and development of cities.

Part 2: From the 1920s to present-day Gothenburg, 7.5 credits

The transition from a trade economics to an industry economics implied large changes in Gothenburg as well as the rest of the world. During the second component, the development of the city is discussed in relation to the international economy and a growing importance for the service economy.

Form of teaching

Lectures, study visits and seminars.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Assessment

The intended learning outcomes a-c are examined through two written take-home examinations with oral presentation at compulsory seminars. At non-attendance at compulsory seminar, a collection seminar is offered.

If a student, who has failed the same examined component twice, wants to change examiner before the next examination, they should submit a written request to the department responsible for the course. The request shall be granted unless there are special reasons to the contrary (Chapter 6, Section 22 of Higher Education Ordinance).

If a student has received a recommendation from the University of Gothenburg for study support for students with disabilities, the examiner may, where it is compatible with the learning outcomes of the course and provided that no unreasonable resources are required, decide to allow the student to sit an adjusted exam or alternative form of assessment.

In the event that a course has ceased or undergone major changes, students are to be guaranteed at least three examination sessions (including the ordinary examination

session) over a period of at least one year, but no more than two years after the course has ceased/been changed.

Grades

The grading scale comprises: Excellent (A), Very good (B), Good (C), Satisfactory (D), Sufficient (E) and Fail (F).

The grade on the whole course is decided through an aggregation of the grades on the sub-courses that are included. The grades A-E are converted to numerical values (5-1) that are divided by the number of modules.

Course evaluation

Course evaluation is carried out at the end of the course. The results and possible changes to the course's set up will be shared with the students who participated in the evaluation and to those students who will take the course.

Additional information

The course is given for the first time autumn semester 2021 and replaces the course EHG080 Gothenburg's economic and social history.