



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY AND SOCIETY

EHG260 Labour - economic and historic perspectives, 7.5 credits

Arbete - i ekonomiskt och historiskt perspektiv, 7,5 högskolepoäng

First Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Economy and Society on 2019-05-14 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 included in the Bachelor Programme in Economic History and Human Geography but can also be studied as an individual course.

Main field of studies

Economic History

Specialization

G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Entry requirements

At least 15 credits in social sciences subjects.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course the student will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

a - give an account of work as economic activity during different economic systems and how the manpower has been formed historically on the basis of factors as class ethnicity

and gender.

Competence and skills

b - problematise the consequences of the economic development for working life and working organisation.

Judgement and approach

c - critically analyse and relate to the different organisational forms of the work and their consequences for social organisation.

The course is sustainability-related, which means that at least one of the learning outcomes clearly shows that the course content meets at least one of the University of Gothenburg's confirmed sustainability criteria.

Course content

The aim of the course is to provide advanced knowledge of the economic history with a focus on the shifting forms of the working life and the working organisation. The transformation force of the industrialisation is taken as a starting point, but both its prehistory and the development in advanced industrialised societies and welfare state development will be touched upon. Important economic-historical research domains such as the debate about the development of living standards, distribution issues, gender-related job-sharing, forced labour and slavery, and migration will be highlighted.

Form of teaching

The course is a distance course that is given digitally and the teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

Language of instruction: Swedish and English

Assessment

The course is examined through oral and written examination. Oral examination is done in small groups. Written examination is done individually.

The student who does not participate at compulsory seminars must make supplementary assignments in mandatory time to pass the course.

If a student has failed the same examined element on two occasions and wishes to change examiner before the next examination session, such a request must be submitted to the department in writing, and it will be granted unless there are special reasons to the contrary (Chapter 6, Section 22 of Higher Education Ordinance).

If the student has received a recommendation from the University of Gothenburg for special pedagogical support, the examiner can, in the event that it is compatible with the course's goals and provided that unreasonable resources are not required, decide to give the student an adapted examination or an alternative form of examination.

In the case where a course has been discontinued or has undergone major changes, a student shall be guaranteed access to at least three examination sessions (including the regular examination session) during a period of at least one year, but at the most two years after the course has been discontinued/changed. In regards to internships/placements, the equivalent applies but limited to only one additional examination session.

Grades

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

For a passing grade (A-E) on the course, a minimum passing result is required on both oral examinations and the take-home exam. The points from oral examinations and take-home exams are added together for the final grade of the course.

Course evaluation

Course evaluation is carried out at the end of the course. Evaluation results and any changes in the course structure should be communicated to both the students who completed the evaluation and to the students who will start the course.

Additional information

In the course, a digital virtual learning environment is used. Therefore, access to a computer and internet is required.

The course may not be included in a degree together with the course EHG201.