

### The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology

# HAECS, Master's Programme in East and Central European Studies, 120 credits

Masterprogram i Öst- och Centraleuropakunskap, 120 högskolepoäng

Second cycle degree programme requiring previous university study / Program med akademiska förkunskapskrav och med slutlig examen på avancerad nivå

#### Decision

The programme syllabus is established by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology 25-08-2023 (U 2023/580) to be valid from 15-09-2023, autumn semester 2024.

# Programme description

The Master's programme in Central and Eastern European Studies is a specialised programme, focusing on the history of Central and Eastern Europe as well as current developments in the region. The programme combines linguistic, historical, political and cultural studies perspectives in the study of the dynamic region of Central and Eastern Europe, and also includes courses in project management and communication strategies. It is an international programme – English is the language of instruction.

The programme prepares students for a professional career in areas such as state administration, the business sector, the armed forces and the mass media, but also functions as preparation for third cycle studies.

The programme is offered at the Division of Russian Studies, Central and Eastern European Studies, Yiddish, and European Studies, Centre for Languages and Literature at Lund University.

#### Goals

For a degree of Master of Arts (120 credits) students shall:

## Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate both a broad knowledge of the subject field and in-depth knowledge of complex cultural, political and historical problems of particular relevance for Eastern and Central Europe;
- demonstrate subject-relevant knowledge of science theory and methodology, with emphasis on aspects that are central to multidisciplinary studies;

### Competence and skills

- be able to independently distinguish, formulate and analyse different themes and problems of relevance in Eastern and Central Europe from different aspects, whereby the student demonstrates the ability to apply a scientific approach,
- demonstrate ability to analyse source material in one of the languages spoken in the Eastern and Central Europe region,
- demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically analyse and assess complex phenomena, questions, and situations within the relevant field of knowledge, even with limited information,
- be able to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames and so contribute to the formation of knowledge as well as the ability to evaluate this work,
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing to present conclusions from one's analyses, both in national and international contexts, and discuss the arguments underlying them in dialogue with different groups,
- demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in some other qualified capacity,

## Judgement and approach

- be able to critically examine different types of sources from Eastern and Central Europe,
- demonstrate the ability to make assessments and carry out analyzes in the main area of East-Central European studies with regard to scientific and ethical aspects,
- demonstratrate ability to identify their need for additional knowledge and take responsibility for their own learning.

## Degree

Degree titles

Degree of Master of Arts (120 credits)

Major: Central and Eastern European Studies

Filosofie masterexamen

Huvudområde: Öst- och centraleuropakunskap

# Requirements and Selection method

#### Requirements

Admission to the program requires a Bachelor's degree or equivalent in humanities or

social sciences or the equivalent. The undergraduate level degree must include an independent written work corresponding to the Bachelor's thesis.

Another requirement is demonstrated knowledge of English equivalent to English 6, as well as requirements for documented language skills equivalent to either 60 credits at the university level mother tongue in one of the following languages: Albanian, Belarusian, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Estonian, Hungarian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Modern Greek, Moldavian, Montenegrin, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovak, Slovenian, Ukrainian or Yiddish.

#### Selection method

Selection is based on academic qualifications (grades from courses with subject content of special relevance to the education, especially the degree project), two letters of recommendation and a statement of purpose explaining why the applicant is suitable for the program and what he / she expects from it. In addition, experience of work, studies and/or internships in Eastern and Central Europe is an advantage and will also be taken into consideration.

#### Other information

This syllabus replaces the previous syllabus with the course code HAÖCK.

For eligibility for the second semester, the introductory course, History, Culture and Society of Central, East and Southeast Europe, must be completed. For eligibility for the fourth semester, the student must have completed at least 60 credits, including all compulsory courses.

Information on teaching and examination is provided in the course syllabus for each course included in the program.

The language of instruction is English.

The education is provided at the Center for Languages and Literature.