



Faculties of Humanities and Theology

HAFME, Master's Programme in Film and Media History, 120 credits

Masterprogram i film- och mediehistoria, 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 13-09-2016 and most recently amended 19-10-2022 (U 2022/709). The amended syllabus is valid from 19-10-2022, autumn semester 2023.

Programme description

The programme provides film studies and media history students with an opportunity for interdisciplinary specialisation. The name of the field, film and media history, underlines that the media manifestations studied are placed in a historical and therefore social, cultural and political context. This synchronic perspective is juxtaposed with a diachronic one in which processes of change within media history are studied from economic, technical, social and aesthetic perspectives. The aim of the programme is to prepare students for research studies and for work within different types of film and media activities: publishing houses, journalism, media companies, media archives, media education and communication. The MA in Film and Media History is a two-year programme including an opportunity to complete the programme after two semesters with a one-year Master's degree.

Goals

Knowledge and understanding

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

- demonstrate specialised knowledge and understanding in the field of film and media history, including both broad knowledge of the field and a considerable degree of specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field, as well as insight into current research and development work
- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge within film and media history

For a degree of Master of Arts (60 credits) students shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the field of film and media history, including both broad knowledge of the field and specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field, as well as insight into current research and development work
- demonstrate methodological knowledge within film and media history

Competence and skills

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

- demonstrate a very good ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information
- demonstrate a very good ability to identify and formulate issues critically, autonomously and creatively as well as 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 a very good ability in speech and writing both nationally and internationally to clearly report and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in some other qualified capacity

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Judgement and approach

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

- demonstrate a very good ability to make assessments in film and media history informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues and also to demonstrate a comprehensive awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work
- demonstrate specialised insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used, and
- demonstrate a very good ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for their ongoing learning

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Course information

Compulsory courses for a two-year Master (120 credits):

Semester 1:

1. Introduction to film and media history (5,5 credits)
2. Interdisciplinary film and media research (7,5 credits)
3. Cultural history and moving images (7,5 credits)
4. Current research in film and media (7,5 credits)
5. Academic skills I (2 credits)

Semester 2:

6. Audience, reception and participation (6,5 credits)
7. Thematic specialisation or Work placement (7.5 credits)
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9. Film and media materialities (6,5 credits)
10. Academic skills II (2 credits)

There is an option to substitute the thematic courses or Work placement, 7 and 8, and write the one year thesis, 15 credits, instead.

Semester 3:

Elective courses (including possible Work placement) (30 credits)

Semester 4:

11. Master's (120 credits) Degree Project (30 credits)

Compulsory courses for a one-year Master (60 credits):*Semester 1:*

Introduction to film and media history (5,5 credits)
 Interdisciplinary film and media research (7,5 credits)
 Cultural history and moving images (7,5 credits)
 Current research in film and media (7,5 credits)
 Academic skills I (2 credits)

Semester 2:

Audience, reception and participation (6,5 credits)
 Master's (60 credits) Degree Project (15 credits)
 Film and media materialities (6,5 credits)
 Academic skills II (2 credits)

Degree

Degree titles

Degree of Master of Arts (60 credits)

Major: Film and Media History

Filosofie magisterexamen

Huvudområde: Film- och mediehistoria

Degree of Master of Arts (120 credits)

Major: Film and Media History

Filosofie masterexamen

Huvudområde: Film- och mediehistoria

Requirements and Selection method**Requirements**

To be admitted to the programme, the student must, in addition to meeting the general entry requirements for higher education in Sweden, have a first degree of 180 credits in Film Studies or Media History or the equivalent, e.g. History specialising in Media Studies. The degree must include an independent project, such as a degree project for a Bachelor's degree or the equivalent. Oral and written proficiency in English equivalent to English 6/B (advanced) from Swedish upper secondary school is a requirement. International qualifications will be assessed in accordance with national guidelines.

The applicants' estimated capacity to complete the programme is the primary criterion

for selection. Students who fulfil the special eligibility requirements are selected on the basis of their previous study results (grades on courses and Bachelor's degree essay) and proficiency in English. A letter of intent (a text of maximum 500 words, written in English, which describes the fit between the program's academic orientation and goals and the prospective student's qualifications and future career ambitions) must be included. In addition to this two (2) recommendation letters are required from persons who have known the prospective student in her/his academic capacity and can evaluate her/his competence. The letters must be in English.

Other information

Language of instruction: English

The programme replaces HAFMH.