Faculties of Humanities and Theology

HAÖCK, 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 28-06-2021 (U 2020/277) and most recently amended 07-04-2022 (U 2022/501). The amended syllabus is valid from 07-04-2022, autumn semester 2022.

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 – and the students also have the opportunity to study at least one of the region's languages during the programme.

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 Central and Eastern European Studies, Centre for Languages and Literature at Lund University, and at the Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies at the University of Copenhagen. Teaching is conducted in Lund and Copenhagen.

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 analyze 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 a good command of at least one language spoken in Eastern and Central Europe,
- demonstrate a good ability to critically review and compile sources in at least one Eastern and Central European language,
- demonstrate the ability, both in national and international contexts, to present conclusions of one's own analyses orally and in writing, and discuss the underlying arguments,
- demonstrate the ability to plan, execute qualified project assignments within given time frames, and evaluate this work in a scientific manner,
- demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information,
- demonstrate the 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 the 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,

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,
- demonstrate the ability to take responsibility for one's own knowledge development,

Course information

The Master of Arts programme in Eastern and Central European Studies (MÖCK) is a two year full-time programme comprising 120 higher education credits. At least 60 credits, including the degree thesis, are within the main field of study. The remaining credits are in the student's area of specialisation and consist of elective courses and/or an internship. Selected courses must be approved by the programme coordinator. The main field of study is East and Central European Studies.

For students admitted to the programme with only 30 credits at the university level in Bosnian, Croatian, Modern Greek, Montenegrin, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Serbian or Yiddish, a compulsory 30 credits in the same language applies within the program.

Schematic Layout of the Programme:

SEMESTER 1

History, Culture and Society of Central, East and Southeast Europe, 15 credits, advanced level. Given in Copenhagen with some parts in Lund. The course is compulsory.

And either:

An elective thematic advanced level course relevant to the main field of study.

or

Elective language courses, 15 credits, either introductory or advanced course depending on the student's prior knowledge. Given in Lund and Copenhagen.

SEMESTER 2

Theory and Methodology of Area Studies, 15 credits, advanced level. Given in Lund.

Project Management and Communication Strategies, 15 credits, advanced level. Given in Lund.

SEMESTER 3

Elective courses / internship 30 credits. The semester is devoted to internships, language courses or other elective courses at the advanced level which are considered relevant to the programme's profile. Students may apply for internships and / or suitable courses at both partner universities and other universities.

Students admitted to the programme with only 30 credits at the university level in Russian, Polish, Yiddish, Modern Greek, Romanian, Serbian, Bosnian, Croatian or Montenegrin, are during this semester required to study 15 credits in that language.

SEMESTER 4

Master's thesis, 30 credits.

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 at least 30 credits at university level in Bosnian, Croatian, Modern Greek, Montenegrin, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Serbian or Yiddish;

- equivalent to either 60 credits at the university level or mother tongue in 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

Language of instruction: English

The programme is offered in collaboration with Copenhagen university.

On completion of the programme, each partner institution issues degree certificates to their respective programme students.