



Course Syllabus
Reviewing a Research Field

Framställa en forskningsöversikt

Course Code	2KR027	Main Field of Study	War Studies
Valid from Semester	Spring 2022	Department	Department of War Studies and Military History
Education Cycle	Advanced level	Subject	War Studies
Scope	15.0	Language of Instruction	The teaching is conducted in English.
Progression	A1N	Decided by	The Research and Education Board's Course Syllabus Committee at the Swedish Defence University
Grading Scale	Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction	Decision date	2022-01-01
Revision	1.0		

Entry Requirements

Officers' Programme degree or a Bachelor's degree corresponding to 180 credits, of which 90 credits must be in War Studies/International Relations/Peace and Conflict Studies/Security Studies/Political Science or equivalent. In addition, a level of proficiency in the English language, corresponding to English B/English 6 is required.

Course Content and Structure

The aim of the course is to provide the knowledge and skills needed to write a critical review of a field of research in War Studies. The student will learn how to identify a field of research as well as the most important works within the field; to analyse the field according to, for example, various empirical, methodological and theoretical assumptions, arguments and positions; to identify ways of improving the field; and to fruitfully structure and present the analysis. The student will also learn how to make literature searches using various databases.

Intended Learning Outcomes

After completed course the student should be able to:

Competence and skills

- Identify and define a field of research.
- Analyze and critically assess theoretical, methodological and empirical approaches of a field of research.
- Present and structure an overview of research in a way that combines precision with readability.

Type of Instruction

Instruction is in the form of lectures and seminars.

Assessment

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Grading Scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction

Assessment takes place through participation in mandatory seminars and an individually written research assignment, which will be presented during a final seminar and where every student also acts as a discussant of another student's research assignment.

The examiner may decide to allow supplementation in order for a passing grade to be achieved in the course. The supplementation shall be submitted no later than three working days after notification of the examination results and the decision on supplementation, unless special circumstances exist that are acceptable to the examiner. Examinations submitted late will not be graded unless special circumstances exist and the examiner finds the reason acceptable.



Grading

Grades are set according to a three-grade scale: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U). Grading criteria are specified by no later than the start of the course.

To earn the grade Pass (G) in the course, the student must actively participate in mandatory seminars and earn a grade of Pass (P) on the written research assignment, as well as on the discussion of another student's written assignment

To earn the grade Pass with Distinction (VG) in the course, the student must meet the requirements for Pass (G) and earn a grade of Pass with Distinction (VG) on the written research assignment.

Restrictions in Number of Examinations

The number of examinations is not limited.

Restrictions Concerning Degree

The course cannot be included in a degree with another course whose content fully or partially corresponds to the content of this course.

Transitional Provisions

When the course is no longer given or when the course content has changed substantially, the student has the right to be examined once per semester during a three-term period in accordance with this syllabus.

Miscellaneous

If a student has a decision from the Swedish Defence University regarding special educational support due to a disability, the examiner may decide on alternative forms of examination for the student.

The course is given within the Master's programme in Politics and War, and may also be given as a freestanding course.

From autumn semester 2021, the course is included as an elective course within the Master's Programme in Politics, Security and War.

On completion of the course, an evaluation will be conducted under the auspices of the course director and will serve as the basis for any changes to the course.



Reading List
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