

SWEDISH DEFENCE UNIVERSITY

Department of Military History



Syllabus Second Cycle

Scandinavia and the Thirty Years' War, 1618-1648 ***Skandinavien och det trettioåriga kriget, 1618-1648***

7.5 Credits

Code: 2MH087

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Valid from: Autumn semester 2024 (2024-09-02)

Level within study regulation: Second cycle

Grading scale: UV Three-grade scale

Main field of study with advanced study: HMÄ01 History with specialisation in Military History - A1N Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

1. Subject

MH1 History with Specialization in Military History

2. Entry requirements

Courses in the humanities or social sciences of at least 90 credits. In addition, knowledge of English equivalent to English B or English 6 is required.

3. Course Content and Structure

The aim of the course is for the student to independently gain insight into and analyse the causes and consequences of Scandinavian participation in the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648) in both a political and military historical context.

The course combines lectures with independent research in order to analyse the historical perspectives on the main aspects of Scandinavian warfare in the early modern period. The seminars are pedagogically vital, as they enable the student to develop oral presentation of insights and arguments, while strengthening the course themes. Cumulatively the course provides the setting for students to gain a well-rounded understanding of Scandinavian participation in a series of conflicts both within Scandinavia, but also in the Holy Roman

Empire and in Eastern Europe. This includes both full military engagements and proxy wars. The course ends with a home exam to create an analytical view on war, culture and society during the Thirty Years' War.

Type of Instruction

Seminars

Lectures

Independent Literature Studies

4. Language of Instruction

EN The teaching is conducted in English.

5. Objectives

Upon completion of the course the student should be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate knowledge of Scandinavian military structures and deployments with a particular emphasis on the relationship between civil and military societies within Scandinavia and overseas during the Thirty Years' War

Competence and skills

- in writing as well as orally discuss military historical research, in a scientific way, particularly concerning Scandinavian warfare and the impact on local societies
- apply a holistic approach with regards to the relationship between war, culture, and society in Scandinavia and Europe, during the Thirty Years' War

Judgement and approach

- identify needs for additional knowledge in the field.

6. Examination formats

Exam

Scope: 7.5

Grading Scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction

The course is assessed through active and constructive participation in mandatory seminars and through an individual home exam.

The examiner can determine what supplementary work can be completed in order to achieve a Pass mark. The student will have three working days to complete supplementary work once it has been agreed, in the absence of previously accepted exceptional circumstances. Exams which are submitted after the due date will not be marked unless the examiner has previously accepted exceptional circumstances.

Grading

The student is graded on a three-point grading scale: Fail (U), Pass (G) and Pass with Distinction (VG). Grading criteria are reported at the latest at the start of the course.

For the grade Pass (G) on the course, the student must achieve the grade Pass (G) on the seminars, as well as Pass (G) on the home exam. For the grade Pass with Distinction (VG) on the course, the student must achieve the grade Pass with Distinction (VG) on more than half of the seminars, as well as the grade Pass with Distinction (VG) on the home exam.

Restrictions in Number of Examinations

There is no limit on the total number of examination opportunities.

7. Transitional provisions

When the course is no longer offered 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.

8. Other regulations

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

If the Swedish Defence University has formally decided that the student is entitled to receive special educational support due to a disability, the examiner may decide on alternative forms of examination for the student.

The course director will conduct an evaluation on the completion of the course, which will form the basis for any changes to the course.

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