

SWEDISH DEFENCE UNIVERSITY  
Department of War Studies and Military History



Syllabus Second Cycle

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**Scandinavian Maritime Warfare, 1521-1721**  
**Skandinavisk maritim krigföring, 1521-1721**

7.5 Credits

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Code: 2MH088

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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

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## 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 be able to present an overview of Scandinavian Maritime Warfare in a time of geopolitical upheaval. The geographical focus of the course is the Baltic and North Sea areas. The student independently analyses Scandinavian maritime warfare in a geopolitical, legal and military historical context.

The course deals with changes in maritime warfare in the region, concerning the development from relatively disorganised navies to state regulated seapower. This includes naval development as interstate conflict, privateering, maritime alliances in the region, Great Power influence and legal development on the matter.

During the course, themes are introduced in lectures combined with independent research in order to analyse military historical aspects on Scandinavian maritime law and warfare. In seminars different aspects of course themes are discussed in order to deepen analyses, while students develop their oral presentation skills. The course is concluded through a written analysis of the course themes. During the course the student cumulatively builds an understanding of Scandinavian maritime warfare during the Early Modern period, from different perspectives.

### **Type of Instruction**

Seminars

Lectures

Independent Study

## **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 and understanding of the development of the evolution of Scandinavian maritime warfare, geopolitics and the development of Early Modern maritime legal structures

### **Competence and Skills**

- in writing as well as orally discuss research on Scandinavian maritime warfare and geopolitics, particularly regarding the development of Early Modern maritime law and Great Power competition
- apply a holistic approach with regards to maritime warfare, legal development and alliances during the Early Modern period

### **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 written 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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