

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Art Historical Knowledge and Interpretation I
Konstvetenskaplig kunskap och tolkning I

7.5 Higher Education
Credits
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	KV5002
Valid from:	Autumn 2017
Date of approval:	2017-02-15
Department	Department of Culture and Aesthetics
Main field:	Art History
Specialisation:	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus was developed by the Faculty Board of Humanities on 2017-02-01 and adopted by the Board of the Department of Culture and Aesthetics on 2017-02-15.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Admission to the course requires that the student has been admitted to the International Master's Programme in Art History and completed English 6.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
1100	Art Historical Knowledge and Interpretation I	7.5

Course content

The aim of this course is to enhance the students' knowledge and skills in general epistemology as well as interpretation theory relating to art history. The intention is to combine theory and practice for students to acquire a broader range of theoretical and methodological perspectives and gain the knowledge required to make independent choices regarding theory and method in their degree project. In addition, students will gain knowledge of the historical evolution of interpretation theory as it relates to art history and be able to reflect on interdisciplinary questions concerning epistemology and interpretation theory from a more general perspective.

Learning outcomes

In order to pass the course, students are expected to be able to:

- give an account of and critically reflect on different types of theories and methods of art history;
- explain and evaluate differences in theory and practice between different fields of knowledge and traditions of art history;
- describe the relationship between different interpretation theories in art history and general epistemological perspectives.

Education

Instruction is given in the form of lectures, seminars and group exercises. Attendance at all teaching sessions is mandatory, and students are expected to participate actively in seminars and group exercises. The language of instruction is English.

Forms of examination

a) The course is examined on the basis of an individual take-home examination, as well as the planning and execution of a seminar in groups.

b) Grades will be set according to a seven-point scale related to the learning objectives of the course:

A = Excellent
B = Very good
C = Good
D = Satisfactory
E = Adequate
Fx = Inadequate
F = Totally Inadequate

The examination task to plan and conduct a seminar is assessed using the grades G/U (Pass/Fail).

c) The grading criteria will be distributed at the beginning of the course.

d) In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade of E or higher on the individual take-home examination, a passing grade (G) on the planning and execution of a seminar, as well as meet the attendance requirements. Under special circumstances, the examiner may, after consulting with the coordinating teacher, grant the student an exemption from the obligation to participate in certain mandatory course elements. The student can then be assigned a written or oral compensatory assignment.

e) Students who receive the grade Fx or F on an examination are allowed to retake the examination up to four times, as long as the course is still provided, in order to obtain a grade of E or higher. Students who receive the grade E or higher on an examination may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade.

Students who receive the grade Fx or F twice by the same examiner are entitled to have another examiner appointed to grade the examination, unless there are special reasons to the contrary. Such requests should be made to the department board.

Interim

If this course is discontinued, or its contents substantially altered, students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus once per semester for three further semesters.

Required reading

For up-to-date information about the required reading, please refer to the department website: www.su.se/ike. The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts.