



FAK3158 Oral methods in historical studies 5.0 credits

Muntliga metoder inom historiska studier

This is a translation of the Swedish, legally binding, course syllabus.

If the course is discontinued, students may request to be examined during the following two academic years

Establishment

The course syllabus is valid from Autumn 2024 according to the Faculty Board decision: A-2024-1739, 3.2.2 Decision date: 2024-10-03

Grading scale

P, F

Education cycle

Third cycle

Specific prerequisites

Eligible applicants are persons who fulfil the prerequisites for admission to doctoral studies in history or other humanities or social science subjects.

Knowledge of English equivalent to English 6.

Language of instruction

The language of instruction is specified in the course offering information in the course catalogue.

Intended learning outcomes

After completing the course, the student can:

- discuss the use of oral source material and its relation to written sources in historical research,
- discuss current theoretical perspectives and methodological discussions on oral history,
- give examples and problematise different ethical aspects.

After passing the course, the student should be able to create and use an oral source material in a way that:

- is best suited to the purpose of their study;
- takes into account how place, time, and power relations affect results;
- demonstrates an understanding of ethical issues and protects the integrity of interviewees.

Course contents

The main content addresses basic theoretical and methodological perspectives on oral history and its origins and how theoretical and methodological choices affect the quality of oral sources and the integrity of research subjects.

Examination

- SEM1 - Seminars, 5.0 credits, grading scale: P, F

Based on recommendation from KTH's coordinator for disabilities, the examiner will decide how to adapt an examination for students with documented disability.

The examiner may apply another examination format when re-examining individual students.

Seminars include both mandatory assignments and active participation in seminars.

Other requirements for final grade

An attendance rate of at least 80% is necessary for a passing grade.

Ethical approach

- All members of a group are responsible for the group's work.

- In any assessment, every student shall honestly disclose any help received and sources used.
- In an oral assessment, every student shall be able to present and answer questions about the entire assignment and solution.