

SWEDISH DEFENCE UNIVERSITY
Department of War Studies and Military History



Syllabus First Cycle

"Political Power Grows From the Barrel of a Gun" - Military and State-building in East Asia 1839 to present day
"Politisk makt växer ur en gevärspipa" - Militär och statsbyggnad i Ostasien från 1839 till idag.

7.5 Credits

Code: 1MH085

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

Level within study regulation: First cycle

Grading scale: UV Three-grade scale

Main field of study with advanced study: HMÄ01 History with specialisation in Military History - G1F First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

1. Subject

MH1 History with Specialization in Military History

2. Entry requirements

General entry requirements.

3. Course Content and Structure

This course focuses on the military history of East Asia from 1839 to the present day. It explores how different political entities in East Asia sought to preserve political integrity and independence in the international systems. The approach is global history and focuses on how East Asian states were influenced by the political, economic, cultural and ideological pull of great powers, and sought to use these foreign "tools" to build strong, modern states.

The course is organized chronologically and broken down into four sections:

- (1) 1839-1905 – The Age of Western Imperialism
- (2) 1905-1949 – The Age of Wars
- (3) 1949 -1990 – The Age of the Cold War
- (4) 1990 - present day – The Age of the Asian Century?

The course combines lectures and seminars in each period. The purpose is that lectures presents the thematic framework and how each period can be analysed. The analysis is deepened through the seminars, also developing presentation skills. The course is examined through a written home exam in which the student analyses and presents chronological as well as thematic perspectives.

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

- understand and summarize the geopolitics and military history of East Asia based on global historical reasoning

- understand and explain how political, economic, cultural and ideological development relates to the great powers and military development

Competence and skills

- in writing and orally analyse East Asia's military history and political development through global history
- in writing and orally explain the relationship between structural and actor-driven factors in the region's military historical development

Judgement and approach

- critically and source-critically relate to the relationship between Western historiography and Asian history, as well as the historical foundations of today's development.

6. Examination formats

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.

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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