

Syllabus

for course at first level

North Korean Society and Culture
Nordkoreas samhälle och kultur

**7.5 Higher Education
Credits**
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	JKB921
Valid from:	Autumn 2021
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Department	Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies
Main field:	Asia:s Languages and Cultures
Specialisation:	G1N - First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus was developed by the Faculty Board of Humanities 2016-11-30 and adopted by the Board of the Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies 2017-02-22. The course was revised by the department board 2021-03-10.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Basic eligibility.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
DK01	North Korean Society and Culture	7.5

Course content

The course discusses important aspects of North Korean society and culture from the perspective of dynamic transformation, arguing against the dominating mass media images of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) as a "unique", "exceptional", and stagnating society. The course will delineate the most important periods of sociopolitical and cultural changes since the liberation from Japanese colonial power in 1945 up to the present day. The transformative processes will be studied in the context of post-colonial discourse, (post-)socialist/communist development, state-led market liberalization and nationalism. The course is expected to facilitate a better understanding of current developments in the DPRK and a better grasp of their dimension and complexity.

Learning outcomes

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

- recognize significant changes in North Korean society and culture in different epochs
- contextualize the socialpolitical and cultural transformations in the DPRK
- comment on mass media images of the DPRK
- evaluate major academic discourses on North Korean society and culture
- reflect on the complexity and multifaceted dimension of current developments in the DPRK.

Education

Instruction is given in the form of lectures and seminars.

The language of instruction is English.

Instruction is net-based.

Attendance at all teaching sessions is mandatory.

For more information please refer to the course description. The course description will be made available at least one month before the course starts.

Forms of examination

a. The course is examined on the basis of a written home examination.

If a student has a certificate regarding particular pedagogical assistance due to a disability the examiner has the right to give an adapted examination or to permit the student to conduct the examination in an alternative way.

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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.

c. Students will be informed of the written grading criteria when the course starts. The grading criteria are binding.

d. In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade of E or higher on the written home examination and meet the attendance requirements of 80%.
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 compensatory assignment.

e. At least two examination opportunities should be offered for each course instance. At least one examination opportunity should be offered during a semester when the course is not given.

Students who receive the grade E or higher may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade.

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

f. This course does not include any opportunities to complete a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade.

Interim

When the syllabus is discontinued, students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus once per semester during a transition period of three semesters.

Limitations

This course may not be included in a degree together with a course, taken in Sweden or elsewhere, of identical or partially similar content.

Required reading

For up-to-date information about required reading, please refer to the department website at www.su.se/asia/english or the relevant page on the Stockholm University course web.

The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts.