

# Syllabus

for course at first level

**Genealogy and paleography in an economic historical perspective**  
**Släktforskning och paleografi ur ett ekonomiskt-historiskt perspektiv**

**15.0 Higher Education  
Credits**  
**15.0 ECTS credits**

<b>Course code:</b>	EH8001
<b>Valid from:</b>	Summer 2022
<b>Date of approval:</b>	2022-01-19
<b>Department</b>	Department of Economic History and International Relations
<b>Main field:</b>	Economic History
<b>Specialisation:</b>	G1N - First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

## Decision

Approved by the department board.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Basic eligibility.

## Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
0001	Introduction	7.5
0002	Expertise	7.5

## Course content

The course deals with genealogy and paleography from an economic-historical perspective. Genealogy is a large international movement, which has strong links to economic-historical research. The course provides an introduction to how genealogical relationships and living conditions can be analyzed through different types of historical sources. The course also introduces paleography, basic source criticism, historical demographics and how monetary units, professional titles, gender relations and units of weight can be interpreted in historical times. The course provides good conditions for further study for a degree in economic history, among other things by the student learning to handle empirical material that can be used for essay writing. The course consists of the following modules:

**Module 1. Genealogy and paleography from an economic-historical perspective, introduction, 7.5 credits**  
The module provides an introduction to how genealogical relationships and living conditions can be analyzed through, among other things, birth and baptism books, funeral and death books, entry and exit lengths, passenger lists, mantle lengths, house interrogation lengths, estate records, censuses and modern DNA technology. The course also introduces paleography, basic source criticism, historical demographics and how monetary units, professional titles, gender relations and units of weight can be interpreted in historical times.

**Module 2. Genealogy and paleography from an economic-historical perspective, specialization, 7.5 credits**  
The module deepens the knowledge from module 1 by the student applying genealogical and paleographic methods and techniques to an empirical primary material, and analyzing it from an economic-historical perspective.

## Learning outcomes

For a passing grade on the course, the student must be able to:

- read, analyze and evaluate handwritten, printed and electronic demographic and economic-historical sources
- trace genealogical relationships through, among other things, birth and baptism books, funeral and death books, census records, house interrogation records, various databases and modern DNA technology
- analyze estate records from an economic-historical perspective
- account for basic concepts and phenomena in historical demography, such as population pyramid, mortality, fertility, marriage patterns, migration, epidemiology and the demographic transition
- interpret money units, units of weight, gender relations and occupational titles in historical time
- compile, critically discuss and analyze an empirical primary material where genealogical and paleographic methods and techniques are applied.

### **Education**

The course consists of lectures and group exercises at a distance, where module 1 contains most of the lectures.

Teaching is in Swedish.

For more detailed information, please refer to the course description, which will be available no later than one month before the start of the course.

### **Forms of examination**

The course is examined on an ongoing basis through smaller individual, written assignments, as well as through a larger individual written final assignment on each module. For a passing grade on this course, students must pass all of the assignments.

Grading is done with one of the grades:

A = Excellent

B = Very good

C = Good

D = Satisfactory

E = Sufficient

Fx = Failed, some more work needed

F = Failed, much more work needed

The written grading criteria are communicated to the students at the start of the course. To obtain a passing grade on the course, a minimum grade of E is required on all examination assignments. Students who have received the lowest grade E may not undergo a re-examination for higher grades. Completion of the grade Fx up to a passing grade on the assignment can be allowed if the student is close to the limit for passing. The assignment must be submitted within one week after the need for completion has been announced by the examiner. When approving simpler formal errors, the grades A-E are used. In the case of approved completion of deficiencies that apply to the comprehension character, the grade E is used.

### **Interim**

When the course is no longer given or the course content has changed significantly, the student has the right to be examined once per semester during a three-semester period according to this course syllabus.

### **Required reading**

Current course literature is available no later than two months before the start of the course on the department's website (<https://www.ekohist.su.se/>).