

Historical Perspectives on Children and Childhood

Single subject and programme course

7.5 credits

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Main field of study

Child Studies

Course level

Second cycle

Advancement level

A1X

Course offered for

- Master's Programme in Child Studies

Entry requirements

For admission to the course the student must have: A bachelor's degree in the humanities, social sciences or the behavioural sciences with a major (or its equivalent) in a field relevant to the programme, e.g. anthropology, communication studies, education, history, language studies, media studies, political science, psychology, social work and sociology. Documented knowledge of English equivalent to "Engelska B"/"Engelska 6" or an internationally recognized test, e.g. TOEFL (minimum scores: Paper based 575 + TWE-score 4.5, and internet based 90), IELTS, academic (minimum score: Overall band 6.5 and no band under 5.5), or equivalent.

Intended learning outcomes

After completion of the course, the student on advanced level should be able to:

- describe the ways in which the concepts of children and childhood have been given different meanings in various historical and cultural contexts;
- identify which factors have influenced notions of children and childhood in the past and children's conditions in historical contexts;
- distinguish and discuss historical processes of change in regard to conditions for children and notions of children;
- account for various intellectual traditions in the study of the history of children and childhood;
- compare historical methods used in the analysis of children and childhood.

Course content

The course demonstrates how historical studies disclose how childhood is defined by time and space; how change and continuity in children's conditions and attitudes towards children and childhood are related to historical research on, for example, family, work, education and the welfare system. Such examples are used to discuss how the state, civil society and the market, as well as demographic changes, have influenced notions of children and childhood as well as conditions for children in regional, national and global settings. Factors such as gender, ethnicity, class and age categorization, etc. are discussed in relation to how they have affected conditions for children and their implications on the meaning and change of childhood. The course also sheds light on various research and methodological traditions in the field of the history of childhood.

Teaching and working methods

Lectures and related discussions take place online on an interactive learning platform. In addition to lectures there are seminars, workshops, and group work online. Between the lectures and the seminars the students independently acquire the course literature, complete individual and group assignments, and communicate with other students online. Examining seminars, workshops and group exercises are compulsory.

The student must have access to e-mail and Internet. The course is presented in various multi-media formats. In order to guarantee a positive learning situation online, and, in order for the student to be able to actively participate in the course and communicate with fellow students and the teacher, it is therefore important that the student have access to the correct hard- and software. Information concerning the specifications of the equipment necessary for the course can be found in the study guide.

English is the language of instruction.

Examination

The examinations consist of active participation in seminars, workshops and group assignments online, as well as through individual written assignments submitted online. Detailed information on the examinations can be found in the study guide.

Grades

ECTS, EC

Other information

Planning and implementation of a course must take its starting point in the wording of the syllabus. The course evaluation included in each course must therefore take up the question how well the course agrees with the syllabus. The course is carried out in such a way that both men's and women's experience and knowledge is made visible and developed.

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