



School of Economics and Management

EHEH002, Foundations of Economic History, 15 credits

Ekonomisk-historiska milstolpar, 15 högskolepoäng

Third Cycle / Doktorandnivå

Details of approval

Approved by the Board of the Department of Economic History, Lund University School of Economics and Management 2013-11-05.

General Information

This is an optional course at the PhD programme.

The language of instruction is English.

Learning outcomes

Students shall be given the opportunity to study and independently analyse a selection of fundamental and influential texts in economic history. On completion of the course, the doctoral student shall be able to

- demonstrate familiarity with key theoretical and methodological research issues in economic history
- demonstrate knowledge of the most important contributions to economic history, mainly with regard to monographs on pre-industrial society, the process of industrialisation and modern society
- demonstrate a thorough understanding of the content of these contributions
- present oral and written analyses based on major works in economic history. The doctoral student shall also be able to compare the works with reference to issues for each component formulated individually or in consultation with the course instructor
- discuss and orally defend written assignments.

Course content

The course consists of reading and analysing a number of standard works in economic history, divided into three components: pre-industrial society, the process of industrialisation, and modern society. In addition to the required reading determined by the group of instructors, the doctoral student shall, in consultation with the course

instructor, select works (monographs and/or collections of articles) to be addressed. The doctoral student is subsequently assigned the task to write an independent analytical essay for each component, based on the choice of texts and within a predetermined time frame. The components will be addressed in chronological order, and the final assessment for each component will be based on an oral exam on the written assignments.

Assessment

The assessment is based on a number of individual written assignments and individual oral discussions of the assignments. The assignments shall have a clear focus on a certain problem, and be analytical rather than referential.

Grades

In accordance with Lund University regulations, the grades awarded are Pass or Fail.

Admission requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must be admitted to the research studies programme in Economic History.