

Evaluation report Spring 2022

Middle East Studies

Study Programme: Middle East Studies

Level: MA

Study Board: History, Classical Studies, Study of Religion, and Middle East Studies

Evaluation strategy for the education: Preliminary, oral evaluations are conducted on the individual lecturer's initiative halfway through the course. Final evaluations are carried out electronically at the end of the semester.

What specific courses does this summary include:

Culture and Religion in the Middle East and Politics and International Politics in the Middle East.

Positive examples for inspiration:

First at all, both the students and the teachers are delighted in being back to physical teaching. In both classes, especially in the Culture and Religion class, the course the rate of participation was high. The student – teacher relationship seems to work out positive, and the classrooms became inspiring learning environments, where students participated actively during class.

Conditions that call for further follow-up:

Experience points out, that it is of utmost importance that we as teachers might improve the adaptation of expectations in relation to the preparedness of the students to their participation.

The 3rd semester students highlighted that the workload during the 3rd semester, where the students not only are in work placement, but also are expected to participate in one course is problematic.

Future initiatives based on the evaluations:

Especially, to focus on possible solutions to the problems raised according to the third semester.

Initiatives since the last evaluation:

Improved supervision/briefing of DVIP faculty according to exams and exam expectations for them to be able to clearly convey to the students, what are demanded by them for the exam and generally for their participation.

Trivselssamtaler – wellbeing conversations – have been conducted with students at 1.st semester, which proved to be very beneficial for the Head of Studies, in order to understand our students better, and not least point to possible improvements in the study program over time.