

GRADE DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL PROJECT SEMESTER: 25 ECTS CREDITS IN MODERN INTERNATIONAL AND TRANSNATIONAL HISTORY MITRA4450 (History Project)

The course yields **25 credits**. MITRA4450 lasts for one semester. By default the assignment (the history project) includes the use of primary sources from at least one archive outside of Norway. The length of the assignment should be 25-30 standard pages (2300 characters without spacing). In addition, the student should write a 5-pages report with a significant element of document of the actual research process.

Key assessment criteria:

1. Methodologically and analytically, the assignment has to fulfil all regular academic requirements similar to a seminar paper, including footnotes, bibliography, etc.
2. Particular weight should be given on the use of primary sources, both with regard to their collection and their use for the assignment.
3. The documentation of the research process forms an integral part of the assignment and therefore also of the assessment.
4. The grading scale is used to denote differences in terms of:
 - The amount of independent material collected, such as various forms of texts, interviews etc.
 - The use of sources in the local language
 - Knowledge of relevant academic sources
 - The level of methodological reflection
 - The level of analytical clarity

A

Grade A is awarded for exceptionally good assignments that clearly demonstrate the capacity for independent work and as well as the ability to collect original material. This material must also be amenable for analysis in light of relevant academic literature. An A-worthy assignment should be convincing in all respects, but may contain minor errors provided that these have no effect on the overall impression.

- Research question: Must be clearly formulated; must be justifiable in terms of its utility value for the contractor and demonstrate insight into the academic field to which it is related.
- Empirical material/primary sources: The assignment must show that the student has made good use of the archival research and contributes a certain amount of original material.
- Academic literature: The student must demonstrate insight into the relevant academic literature. He/she must also be familiar with the necessary theoretical concepts and use them in the paper.

- Methodology: The student must provide a clear presentation of methodological approaches and demonstrate a good capacity for reflection on the chosen method.
- Analysis: The student must demonstrate a capacity for independent, reflective analysis of the material presented.
- Structure and design: The assignment is structured in a way that establishes a satisfactory association between the research question, analysis and conclusion.
- Language: Satisfactory and with no material errors or defects.
- Use of scientific transcription: No significant errors.
- References and notes: No significant errors.

B

Grade B is awarded for assignments that are above average and demonstrate a capacity of the student for independent work, for the collection of relevant material and a good capacity for analysis of the latter.

- Research question: Must be clearly formulated; must be justifiable in terms of its utility value for the contractor and demonstrate insight into the academic field to which it is related.
- Empirical material/primary sources: The assignment shows that the student has made good use of the exchange period abroad and demonstrates a good understanding of the context while using relevant sources.
- Academic literature: The student must demonstrate insight into the relevant academic literature.
- Methodology: The student must provide a clear presentation of the methodological approaches and demonstrate a good capacity for reflection on the chosen method.
- Analysis: The student must demonstrate a capacity for independent, reflective analysis of the material presented.
- Structure and design: The assignment is structured in a way that establishes a satisfactory association between the research question, analysis and conclusion.
- Language: Very good and with no significant errors or defects.
- Use of scientific transcription: No significant errors.
- References and notes: No significant errors
 - The ability to comply with formal requirements

C

Grade C is awarded for an average academic performance that satisfies the requirements for presentation of empirical material, methodology, analysis and design.

- The research question: Must be clearly formulated and justifiable with regard to utility value for the contractor, and also demonstrate a degree of insight into the academic field to which it is related.

- Empirical material and primary sources: The assignment must show that the student has made good use of the exchange period and contributes a certain amount of original material. Having parts of the material in the national language is an advantage, but not a requirement
- Academic literature: The student must demonstrate insight into relevant academic literature.
- Methodology: Must present the methodological approaches used, and the student must demonstrate a capacity for reflection on the chosen method.
- Analysis: Must demonstrate a certain degree of independence and capacity for reflection on the topic.
- Structure and design: The assignment is structured in a way that establishes a satisfactory association between the research question, analysis and conclusion.
- Language: Satisfactory and with no material errors or defects.
- Use of scientific transcription: Largely correct.
- References and notes: No significant errors.

D

Grade D is awarded for assignments that have some flaws with regard to the presentation of empirical material, methodology, analysis and design. Grade D is awarded for assignments that fail to address and discuss the sources used, and instead mainly refer to them.

E

Grade E is awarded for assignments that satisfy no more than the minimum requirements, but still may pass.

F

Grade F is awarded to assignments that fail to meet the minimum requirements and have an insufficient presentation.

A student who receives the grade F will have the opportunity to revise the assignment and resubmit it. The deadline for this will be set by the Department (IAKH).

