



Faculty of Economic Sciences, Communication and IT
Working Life Science

Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Economic Sciences, Communication and IT on 29 September 2010, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2010 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: AVGA30

Working Life Science, 30 ECTS Credits
(Arbetsvetenskap, 30 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Bachelor

Progressive Specialisation: G1N (First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements)

Language of Instruction

Swedish

Prerequisites

General admission requirements

Major Field of Study

ABA (Working Life Science)

Learning Outcomes

Module 1. Working Life Science: Introductory Course 7.5 ECTS cr.

Upon completion of the module students should be able to

- demonstrate basic knowledge of what academic knowledge is, what work is, what science is, and what working life science is, and
- demonstrate ability to take a critical approach texts and phenomena and to formulate a problem.

Module 2. Working and Forms of Work, 7.5 ECTS cr

Upon completion of the module students should be able to

- outline the changes in work and society taking place in the 20th century,
- outline the relation between working life and family life,
- outline the problem of segregation in terms of class, gender and ethnicity, and
- outline and discuss the effects of modern working life on the individual.

Module 3. Working Life Science Research Methods 7.5 ECTS. cr.

Upon completion of the module, students should be able to

- demonstrate basic knowledge of investigation and research methodology with special relevance to working life problems,
- give an account of the research process and with the characteristics of academic articles and reports,
- review academic texts and formulate a research problem,
- give an account of the difference between quantitative and qualitative investigations,
- apply different methods for data collecting,
- plan a research project and motivate the choice of data collecting method.

Module 4. Introduction to Organisation Theory 7.5 ECTS cr.

Upon completion of the module, students should be able to

- demonstrate knowledge of basic organisation theory and its development,
- give an account of different theories of organisation,
- give an account of perspectives on management and other central dimensions of organising and be able to discuss effects on the individual and the organisation.

Content and Form of Instruction

Module 1. Working Life Science: Introductory Course 7.5 ECTS cr.

Instruction is in the form of lectures, group work and seminars. The emphasis is on modern working life, its organisation and impact on different categories of people in society. In addition, students are introduced to studies of knowledge and learning in the academia and other work contexts, as well as to basic theory of science. Students are required to present and discuss central and basic concepts in the fields of working life science and theory of science.

Module 2. Working and Forms of Work, 7.5 ECTS cr

The module deals with forms of work and their relation to different categories of people in terms of gender, ethnicity, age and education and the consequences of these relations. The module provides concrete descriptions based on relevant statistics as well as theoretical models of explanation.

Module 3. Working Life Science Research Methods 7.5 ECTS. cr.

Instruction is in the form of lectures, group work and seminars. Students work with interviews and questionnaires. The course includes studying the formulation of research problems, the research process and its stages, data collection techniques, such as interviews and questionnaires, documentation of results, designing a research study, finding sources and critically reviewing academic articles.

Module 4. Introduction to Organisation Theory 7.5 ECTS cr.

Instruction is in the form of lectures and work in groups to produce oral and written reports. The course includes studies of general organisation theory and its development as well as an introduction to modern theories, approaches and models of analysis. Basic issues and organisation concepts of structure, design, management and change effort are also treated. Students work with case studies and develop their ability to critically examine concepts and theories.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Examination is in the form of an individual, written exam for each module, as well as different types of group reports.

Students have one year in which to complete all examination components. Thereafter re-examination is required for all module components.

Grades

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course.

Quality Assurance

Follow-up relating to learning conditions and goal-fulfilment takes place both during and upon completion of the course in order to ensure continuous improvement. Course assessment is based on student views and experiences as reported in written course evaluations and/or group discussions. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of the measures to be taken.

Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

Additional Information

Students who enrolled before 1 July 2007 will complete their studies in accordance with the requirements of the earlier admission. Upon completion students may request degree and course certificates to be issued under the current ordinance if they meet its requirements.

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor's and Master's levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.

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