



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Gender Studies

Syllabus

Gender Studies IV

Course Code:	GVAD20
Course Title:	Gender Studies IV <i>Genusvetenskap IV</i>
Credits:	30
Degree Level:	Master's level
Progressive Specialisation:	Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (60 credits) (A1E)

Major Field of Study:
GEU (Gender Studies)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2017-02-02, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2017 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

Gender Studies, 1-90 ECTS credits or equivalent and upper secondary school level Swedish 3 or B/Swedish as a second language 3 or B and English 6 or A, or equivalent.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- give a broad and in-depth account of theories of gender in an historical and contemporary perspective,
- give an in-depth account of various theoretical and methodological approaches,
- apply the theories of gender studies in their own research,
- independently apply several research methods to a research problem in gender studies,
- evaluate the applicability of different methods in relation to the chosen research problem,
- independently and critically apply their theoretical and methodological knowledge and research methods in an essay project in gender studies, and
- review and critically assess the research of others in terms of theory, methodology, and research methods.

Content

The course consists of three modules:

Module 1: The Theories of Gender Studies in a Historical and Contemporary Perspective 4, 7.5 ECTS
or

The module covers basic concepts, theories, and approaches in gender studies from a historical and contemporary perspective and offers in-depth components of transgender studies, post-humanism, intimacy and masculinity studies.

Module 2: Theory of Science, Methodology, and Research Processes, 7.5 ECTS Credits
The module addresses the relation between theoretical and methodological approaches to various research processes.

Module 3: Essay, 15 ECTS Credits

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment of modules 1 and 2 is based on a take-home exam and hand-in assignments. Take-home exams are individual and discussed at a mandatory seminar where students present their work orally. Hand-in assignments are completed individually and in groups. Module 3 is assessed on the basis of an independent degree project presented and discussed at a mandatory seminar, and on student performance as peer reviewer.

Grades

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course and its modules. The grade of Distinction is awarded to students who have earned this grade for at least 22.5 of the 30 ECTS course credits.

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 evaluation is partly based on student views and experiences obtained in accordance with current regulations and partly on other data and documentation. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of any measures to be taken.

Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

Additional information

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

When offered as a distance course, an internet connected computer is required.