



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Gender Studies

# Syllabus

## Gender and Society

**Course Code:**

GVAGS1

**Course Title:**

Gender and Society

*Genus och samhället*

**Credits:** 30

**Degree Level:** Master's level

**Progressive Specialisation:** Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (A1N)

**Major Field of Study:**

GEU (Gender Studies)

### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2019-03-07, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2019 at Karlstad University.

### Prerequisites

A Bachelor degree

### Learning Outcomes

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

- reflect upon and discuss the role of gender in society and societal development,
- theorise and operationalise gender as a category of analysis,
- critically present and evaluate different theories of gender in a societal perspective,
- perform their own gender studies analyses of society and its institutions, and
- communicate advanced gender studies analyses orally and in writing.

### Content

The aim of the course is to analyse the role of gender in society in interdisciplinary and intersectional gender studies perspectives. Students develop an independent ability to discuss, theorise, and analyse the role of gender in societal development. The course covers different empirical and theoretical perspectives in gender studies in relation to how gender, ethnicity, class, religion, ability, and sexuality interplay with societal institutions and the development of society, with a focus on how this interplay creates and shapes gendered bodies, subjects, identifications, gender relations, and power structures. The course also outlines the development of different gender studies theories and concepts which relate to these issues, including the theories and concepts of feminist, postcolonial, and critical race studies, transgender studies, queer studies, critical men's and masculinity studies, and feminist studies of health, medicine, and technology. The course is intended for students at the Master level who want to engage in in-depth study of gender studies theories of gender and society and conduct their own independent analyses of society and its institutions on the basis of gender studies theories, methods, and criticism.

### **Reading List**

See separate document.

### **Examination**

Assessment is based on an individual take-home exam, presented and discussed in a mandatory seminar, and written individual and group hand-in assignments.

### **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 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.