



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Gender Studies

# Syllabus

## Transgender Studies and Activism

<b>Course Code:</b>	GVATS1
<b>Course Title:</b>	Transgender Studies and Activism <i>Transstudier och aktivism</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	7.5
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Master's level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	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 2019-06-03, and is valid from the Spring semester 2020 at Karlstad University.

### Prerequisites

Undergraduate degree

### Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

- give an advanced and complex account of theories of gender embodiment in historical and contemporary perspectives,
- articulate a critical vocabulary in the field of gender studies by drawing on transdisciplinary and intersectional epistemologies, and
- demonstrate the ability to convey course concepts in an advanced, concise, and clear manner both orally and in writing.

**Content**

The course Transgender Studies and Activism provides an introduction to the emerging field of transgender studies, its embeddedness in social justice activism and its relation to the field of Gender Studies. Trans Studies is a complex field and the course will discuss feminist and queer approaches to transgender embodiment, contextualise it in the context of globalisation and local practices of gender non-conformity outside the Western world, as well as explore key figures who have contributed to the formation of this field. The language of instruction is English. The course is taught as a distance course online.

**Reading List**

See separate document.

**Examination**

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