



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Gender Studies

Syllabus

Transgender Studies and Activism

Course Code:	GVATS1
Course Title:	Transgender Studies and Activism <i>Transstudier och aktivism</i>
Credits:	7.5
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 2023-03-13, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2023 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

90 ECTS credits completed in the Social Sciences, the Humanities, Education, or Health Science, plus upper secondary level English 6, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

1. give an account of transgender theories, their embeddedness in social justice activism, and their relation to the field of gender studies,
2. present theories of gender and embodiment at an advanced level and in a detailed way, from both historical and contemporary perspectives,
3. use the critical terminology of gender studies to discuss transdisciplinary and intersectional epistemologies, and
4. use the concepts of transgender studies in an advanced, concise, and clear manner both orally and in writing.

Content

The course 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. Transgender studies is a complex field and the course treats feminist, queer, and trans perspectives on embodiment, the context of globalisation, and local forms of gender non-conformity outside the Western world, as well as key people who have contributed to the formation of this field.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on individual written hand-in assignments, an oral seminar in groups, and an individual written take-home exam.

If students have a decision from Karlstad University entitling them to Targeted Study Support due to a documented disability, the examiner has the right to give such students an adapted examination or to examine them in a different manner.

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.