



FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
GENDER STUDIES

Men, Masculinities and Change

Män, manligheter och förändringsprocesser

Course code: GVGA13

Credits: 7.5

Education level: First cycle

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

Main field of study: GEU (Gender Studies)

Approved by

Faculty Board of Arts and Social Sciences, 31 August 2026

Effective from

Spring semester 2027

Entry requirements

General entry requirements.

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

1. describe men and masculinities from historical and contemporary perspectives,
2. give an account of key concepts and theories used in critical studies on men and masculinities, and
3. problematise and analyse processes of change relating to ideals of masculinity and the situations and positions of men in society.

Content

The course provides a general introduction to the field of critical studies of men and masculinities. It covers key concepts and theories in critical studies of men and masculinities, the history of masculinities, and contemporary ideals of masculinity. The course also introduces analytical tools for problematising and analysing processes of change related to men and masculinities.

Reading list

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on an individual written take-home examination, which is discussed in a seminar, as well as on written assignments completed individually and in groups, and group seminar presentations.

The examiner may decide that a student who is very close to achieving a passing grade on the take-home examination may complete a supplementary assignment in order to receive a passing grade. The examiner must specify the deadline for its completion and the circumstances under which such a supplementary assignment may be permitted.

If a student has been granted study support by Karlstad University due to a documented disability, the examiner has the right to offer an adapted examination or allow the student to complete the examination through alternative means.

Grades

One of the grades Pass with 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's and Master's levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.