



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Gender Studies

Syllabus

Introduction to Gender Studies I: Feminist Movements and Theoretical Concepts

Course Code:	GVGA41
Course Title:	Introduction to Gender Studies I: Feminist Movements and Theoretical Concepts <i>Introduktion till genusvetenskap I: Feministiska rörelser och teoretiska begrepp</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements (G1N)
Major Field of Study:	GEU (Gender Studies)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2023-09-05, and is valid from the Spring semester 2024 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements

Learning Outcomes

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

1. give an account of basic issues and perspectives in gender studies, with a focus on feminist movements and theories,
2. give examples of feminist movements and theoretical concepts in relation to different historical and socio-cultural contexts,
3. critically examine and discuss aspects of various issues in gender studies and the role of

gender studies in society, and

4. independently produce well-structured texts in the field of gender studies, using sources correctly.

Content

The course introduces basic feminist and gender studies areas of knowledge with a focus on feminist movements and theoretical concepts. It also provides an overview of theory of science from a feminist perspective. Key topics include gender studies as an emergent contemporary movement, basic conceptions and historical changes in the understanding of gender, class, race, and sexuality in various socio-cultural contexts, and an introduction to some of the most important approaches that can be used to analyse gender, norms, and intersectional dynamics of power.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

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

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.