



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Gender Studies

## Syllabus

### Introduction to Gender Studies II: (In)equality, Welfare and Globalisation

<b>Course Code:</b>	GVGA42
<b>Course Title:</b>	Introduction to Gender Studies II: (In)equality, Welfare and Globalisation <i>Introduktion till genusvetenskap II: (O)jämlighet, välfärd och globalisering</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	7.5
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Undergraduate level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	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 2023-09-07, 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 key global issues in gender studies and postcolonial perspectives with a focus on gendered power relations,
2. give examples of gendered power relations and ways of organising society in different countries, including the consequences for the living conditions and situations of different persons over time,

3. critically examine and discuss aspects of gendered power relations, and
4. independently produce well-structured texts in the field of gender studies, using sources correctly.

### **Content**

The course introduces basic concepts and theories in the research fields of feminist and gender studies, with a focus on gendered power relations and the interplay of the sex/gender intersection and other dimensions of power such as class, ethnicity, sexuality, age, and religion. Different ways of organising society in different countries are treated, including the consequences for the living conditions and situations of different persons over time. Gender issues, norms, and intersectional power dynamics are discussed from a global perspective, for instance in relation to violence and war.

### **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.