



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Gender Studies

Syllabus

Introduction to Gender Studies IV: Epistemology, body och culture

Course Code:	GVGA44
Course Title:	Introduction to Gender Studies IV: Epistemology, body och culture <i>Introduktion till genusvetenskap IV: Epistemologi, kropp och kultur</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 2023-09-06, 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 in gender studies and feminist epistemology with a focus on cultural constructions and doing gender, body, and sexuality in contemporary and historical contexts,
2. give examples of cultural constructions of gender, sex, body, and sexuality in different contemporary, historical, and socio-cultural contexts,

3. critically examine and discuss aspects of gender studies issues and the role of gender studies in cultural constructions of gender, sex, body, and sexuality in contemporary and historical contexts, and
4. independently produce well-structured texts in the field of gender studies, using sources correctly.

Content

The course introduces basic feminist epistemology and areas of knowledge in gender study with a focus on cultural constructions and doing gender, body, and sexuality in contemporary and historical contexts. It also provides an overview of theory of science from a feminist perspective. There is a focus on understanding feminist perspectives on materiality and biology and how sex is expressed and influences language and other forms of expression in everyday practices such as social media and popular culture.

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.