



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Gender Studies

Syllabus

The 21st Century Family: Gender, parenting and institutions

Course Code:	GVGA76
Course Title:	The 21st Century Family: Gender, parenting and institutions <i>Familjen i ett nytt århundrade: Genus, föräldraskap och myndigheter</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)
PSA (Psychology)
SAA (Social Work)
SOA (Sociology)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2018-09-25, and is valid from the Spring semester 2019 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements

Learning Outcomes

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

- give a general account of the changes in Nordic family patterns in the past hundred years,
- give an account of how psychology, social work, gender studies and sociology have basically approached family as a research object,
- explain some social science and psychological theories of family and how such theories can be used when working with families, and
- critically reflect on how different perspectives of family can be compared and balanced.

Content

The course is designed for future professionals who would like to learn more about family and how it works in a Nordic context. Lecturers from psychology, social work, gender studies and sociology give their perspectives on the phenomenon of family and a historical background to its present forms in the Nordic countries. Students acquire tools to understand how a family works and study current research and theories in the disciplinary field. Special attention is paid to four areas: parenthood, gender, legislation and working with families. The focus on history, research and theories constitute a useful foundation for future work with families in schools, social services and social welfare work.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on a take-home exam and active participation in a seminar.

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.