



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Gender Studies

# Syllabus

## Feminist postcolonialism and critical race studies

<b>Course Code:</b>	GVGB21
<b>Course Title:</b>	Feminist postcolonialism and critical race studies <i>Feministisk postkolonialism och kritiska rasstudier</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	7.5
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Undergraduate level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (G1F)

**Major Field of Study:**  
GEU (Gender Studies)

### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2023-03-13, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2023 at Karlstad University.

### Prerequisites

15 ECTS credits in Social Science, the Humanities, Pedagogy, or Health Science, and upper secondary level English 6, or equivalent

### Learning Outcomes

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

1. demonstrate basic knowledge and give an account of key concepts of feminist postcolonial theory and critical race studies in relation to gender studies,
2. give an account of how gender studies, postcolonial theory, and critical race studies can highlight each other's blind spots in relation to norms when analysing inequality, and
3. analyse empirical data from perspectives used in gender studies, with a focus on feminist postcolonial theory and critical race theory.

### Content

The purpose of the course is to introduce students to feminist postcolonial theory and critical race studies from a gender perspective. The course provides an overview of postcolonial debates in gender studies, including their development and their impact on gender studies and feminist knowledge production. Students learn about indigenous epistemologies, black feminism, and Muslim feminism, as well as other marginalised voices in gender studies. The aim is to promote independent thinking about relations between Nordic colonialism, settler colonialism, and racial oppression in relation to social categories such as gender, race, ethnicity, and religion. The course examines how such power relations contribute to local and global inequalities.

For a better understanding of these theoretical issues, students discuss historical cases and contemporary examples to analyse colonial structures, institutional racism, Islamophobia, migration and integration processes, oppression of indigenous peoples, and the representation of minorities. The course offers students a chance to learn about the everyday connections between race, ethnicity, and gender, and also the opportunity to engage in in-depth study of feminist postcolonialism and critical race studies.

### **Reading List**

See separate document.

### **Examination**

Assessment is based on individual and group oral presentations in seminars and an individual written take-home exam.

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.