



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Gender Studies

### Syllabus

#### **Course Approval**

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Arts and Social Sciences on 8 April 2014, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2014 at Karlstad University.

**Course Code:** GVGC20

**Gender Studies III, 30.0 ECTS Credits**

**(Genusvetenskap III, 30.0 Swedish credit points)**

**Degree Level:** Bachelor

**Progressive Specialisation:** G2E (First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements, contains degree proj. for B.A./B.Sc.)

#### **Language of Instruction**

Swedish

#### **Prerequisites**

Gender Studies 1-60 ECTS cr

#### **Major Field of Study**

GEU (Gender Studies)

#### **Learning Outcomes**

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

- give an in-depth account of Gender Studies theory,
- give an in-depth account of research methods and processes in the field, as well as the connections between them,
- demonstrate in-depth knowledge of a selected research method,
- give an account of central theoretical and methodological research approaches,
- give an account of current problems and debates in the field,
- independently and critically apply Gender Studies theory in a research project of their own,
- compare and contrast the appropriateness of various research methods in different contexts,
- demonstrate understanding of the validity and reliability of the findings of various research projects,
- independently plan, conduct, and document a research project in the field and defend it at an examination seminar,
- formulate an appropriate search strategy and work towards a clearly defined goal,
- communicate, in both oral and written form, in accordance with academic conventions,
- evaluate and discuss the structure and content, as well as the scientific and social consequences, of various research in the field.

#### **Content and Form of Instruction**

Module 1. Advanced Gender Studies Theory, 7.5 credits

The module addresses central concepts and problems pertaining to the field. Students work independently and

with the help of lectures and seminar discussions.

#### Module 2. Advanced Gender Studies Analysis, 7.5 credits

The module addresses methodological problems in the field, based on a theory of science perspective. The module introduces concrete research methods and the students work independently on practical exercises in preparation for the degree project.

#### Module 3. Degree Project, 15 credits

In this module, students conduct a gender-theoretical research project. Students may choose to write about a topic within the scope of another discipline, an interdisciplinary topic, or a topic purely within the field of Gender Studies.

#### Reading List

See separate document.

#### Examination

Assessment of modules 1 and 2 is based on a take-home exam and hand-in assignments. Take-home exams are individual and discussed at a mandatory seminar where students present their knowledge orally. Hand-in assignments are individual or in groups. Module 3 is assessed on the basis of an independent degree project presented and discussed at a mandatory seminar and on student performance as peer reviewer.

#### Grades

One of the grades Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course. The grade of Distinction is awarded to students who have earned this grade for at least 22.5 of the 30 ECTS course credits.

#### 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 assessment is based on student views and experiences as reported in written course evaluations and/or group discussions. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of the measures to be taken.

#### Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

#### Additional Information

Students who enrolled before 1 July 2007 will complete their studies in accordance with the requirements of the earlier admission. Upon completion students may request degree and course certificates to be issued under the current ordinance if they meet its requirements.

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor's and Master's levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.