



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Gender Studies

Syllabus

Introduction to global gender studies

Course Code:

GVGJ11

Course Title:

Introduction to global gender studies
Introduktion till globala genusstudier

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 2026-01-07, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2026 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. identify and describe key concepts and perspectives in gender studies, human rights, and global studies,
2. provide a general overview of how gender studies, human rights, and global studies interact, and
3. demonstrate the ability to search for, compile, evaluate, and critically interpret information related to gender studies, human rights, and global studies.

Content

The course provides an overview of the three subject areas: gender studies, human rights,

and global studies. Students acquire basic knowledge of the central concepts and perspectives that are essential for understanding how these fields interact. From a gender studies perspective, the course presents how concepts within the field of human rights are understood and applied in a global context. Students are introduced, for example, to the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and similar international agreements. Furthermore, students discuss how to translate theory into practice for social change. Through practical exercises, students develop basic skills in conducting simple information searches and critically interpreting the information they collect.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Learning outcomes 1 and 2 are assessed based on a written exam.

Learning outcome 3 is assessed based on an individual written hand-in assignment presented and discussed in a seminar.

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.