



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Gender Studies

Syllabus

Feminist Jurisprudence

Course Code:	GVGJ21
Course Title:	Feminist Jurisprudence <i>Genusrättsliga perspektiv</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	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 2026-01-07, and is valid from the Spring semester 2027 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

GVGJ11 Introduction to global gender studies, 7.5 ECTS credits, or equivalent.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. describe the relationship between law, gender, sexuality, and power,
2. analyse case law, legislation, and policy debates in order to assess legal systems from a feminist perspective, and
3. read basic legal texts.

Content

The course explores the relationship between law, gender, sexuality, and power through feminist legal theory. Students gain insight into fundamental feminist critiques of legal systems, including how laws have historically reinforced gender inequality and how they can

be reformed to promote justice. The course examines how legal experiences and outcomes are shaped by gender together with other social factors such as race, class, sexuality, and disability. Students are given the opportunity to critically analyse case law, legislation, and policy debates in order to assess legal systems from a feminist perspective, as well as learn to read legal texts. The course addresses issues such as reproductive rights, workplace equality, family law, sexual harassment, and violence against women and minorities.

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 oral presentation 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.