



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Gender Studies

Syllabus

Intersectionality in a globalised world

Course Code:	GVGJ22
Course Title:	Intersectionality in a globalised world <i>Intersektionalitet i en globaliserad värld</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, and GVGJ12 Global feminisms, 7.5 ECTS credits, or equivalent.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. describe how intersectionality has been developed and used in different global contexts,
2. apply intersectionality as an analytical tool to understand how institutional, structural, and individual power relations interact and influence each other, and
3. demonstrate basic proficiency in structuring and writing academic texts.

Content

The course presents the historical background and development of the concept of intersectionality and provides an in-depth understanding of intersectional theory. Through

global perspectives, the course examines how intersectionality has been understood and applied in different periods and contexts. Students learn how intersectionality can be used, as an analytical tool, for understanding how institutional, structural, and individual power relations interact and influence one another. For instance, the course offers insights into how intersectionality can critically reflect on sustainable development in a global context. In addition, the course includes components that help students develop their ability to read and write academic texts.

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 individual written hand-in assignments presented and discussed in seminars.

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.