



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Gender Studies

# Syllabus

## Gender, sexuality, and psychology

<b>Course Code:</b>	GVGP10
<b>Course Title:</b>	Gender, sexuality, and psychology <i>Genus, sexualitet och psykologi</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	7.5
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Undergraduate level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	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 2019-03-08, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2019 at Karlstad University.

### Prerequisites

General admission requirements

### Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

- explain gender studies theories of and perspectives on gender, sexuality, and psychology,
- give an account of how the interplay between gender, sexuality, and psychological development is described in gender studies, and
- analyse and reflect critically upon psychological research and practice from a gender studies perspective.

### Content

The aim of the course is to introduce theories of and research on gender, sexuality, and psychology in gender studies, and to give an introduction to feminist and queer psychology. On the basis of knowledge about gender, sexuality, and psychology developed in gender studies, students acquire an understanding of the interplay between gender, sexuality, and psychological development. Students also develop skills required to reflect upon and analyse psychological research and practice based on an awareness of gender, class, ethnicity, religion, sexuality, and disability.

The course is intended for current and future professionals in different areas of psychology who want to expand their understanding of the interplay between gender, sexuality, and psychology. Students gain insights into gender studies perspectives on the relationships between psychological development, sexuality, and gender. The course also covers the development of feminist and queer psychology and recent research in gender studies which focuses on gender, sexuality, and psychology. In addition, the course examines how gender and sexuality intersect with other social categories such as class, ethnicity, religion, and disability, and the significance of such intersectionality in different psychological contexts. While the course focuses on perspectives on gender, sexuality, and psychology relevant for gender studies, it also outlines a foundation for critical reflection upon practical issues in psychological treatment contexts, with a focus on gender and sexuality.

### **Reading List**

See separate document.

### **Examination**

Assessment is based on an individual written take-home exam and active participation in a seminar.

### **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.