



Faculty of Arts and Social Science
History

Syllabus

Regional organization in space and time

Course Code:	HIA510
Course Title:	Regional organization in space and time <i>Regioners organisering i tid och rum</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Master's level
Progressive Specialisation:	Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (A1N)

Major Field of Study:

HIA (History)

KGA (Human Geography)

SKA (Political Science)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Science 2016-02-03, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2016 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General requirements for admission to Master-level studies.

Special requirements:

- Upper secondary level English 6 or B, or equivalent

Programme students: Bachelor's degree 180 ECTS cr with a Major in History, Human Geography, Political Science, or equivalent. An alternative to Human Geography can be Tourism Studies, Environmental Science or GIS Engineering degree, provided that the studies have an emphasis on social science.

Non-programme students: First-cycle courses in Social and Political Science totalling at least 120 ECTS, of which 90 ECTS cr are in one of the following subjects and include a degree project 15 ECTS cr: History, Human Geography, Political Science, Tourism, or a degree in GIS engineering with an emphasis on social science.

Learning Outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

- describe the differences and similarities between the concepts regionalism and regionalisation,
- give an account of and explain the historical roots of regional organising in a comparative and primarily a European perspective,

Competence and skills

- identify general structures and main types of actors in the game of influence and forms of governance,
- give an account of communalistic and feudal features respectively in the historical evolution of current regions,
- identify and evaluate regional actors' arguments in internal and external conflicts of interest, in the past and the present,

Judgement and approach

- analyse the economic, social, political and symbolic roles of regions in a national and suprastate context,
- analyse changing regional forms of organisation from a processual power perspective.

Content

The course covers the following components, each with a comparative approach:

- The incentives and ideological bases of regional organising from local, regional and national perspectives,
- The formal and informal structures of regional organising: forms of management, systems of communications and decision-making,
- Official and informal actors of regional organising: administrative bodies, religious organisations, social movements/organisations, individuals,
- The symbolic structure of regional organising: historical writing, monuments, cultural activities, rites/ceremonies, etc,
- The continuity and change of regional organising
- Sources of the history of regional organising.

Instruction is mainly in the form of lectures and seminars.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on active participation in seminars and on individual hand-in assignments.

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.

Region Building Programme (SAREG) course.

The course was approved on 8 March 2012.