



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
History

# Syllabus

## Methods in region building studies

<b>Course Code:</b>	HIA550
<b>Course Title:</b>	Methods in region building studies <i>Metoder för studier av regionalt samhällsbyggande II</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	7.5
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Master's level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits) (A2E)

**Major Field of Study:**  
HIA (History)

### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2017-09-14, and is valid from the Spring semester 2018 at Karlstad University.

### Prerequisites

General admission requirements for studying at Master level.

Undergraduate social science studies of 120 ECTS credits, of which 90 ECTS cr, including a degree project 15 ECTS cr, were earned in one of the following main fields of study: History, Human Geography, Social Work, Social Care, Sociology, Political Science, Tourism Studies, or Environment Studies with social science specialisation or Bachelor degree in GIS engineering with social science specialisation.

### Learning Outcomes

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

- give an account of and analyse different primary sources for the study of region building,
- describe and compare different applications of research methods in history of relevance to regional development projects,
- give an account of and problematise the use of history research methods in relation to primary sources, and
- identify and assess the social factors that affect the application of historical methods and perspectives in research.

### Content

Historical methods in research and definitions are presented with the help of case studies drawn from different historical sources. Intra-disciplinary method traditions are used to illustrate continuity and change in historical analyses of how regions are constructed and organised. The examples serve as

starting-points for exploring historical research methods in a multi-disciplinary perspective. Instruction is in the form of lectures and seminars.

**Reading List**

See separate document.

**Examination**

Assessment is based on active seminar participation and an individual hand-in assignment.

**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.