



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
History

## Syllabus

### Cultural policy in a historical perspective

<b>Course Code:</b>	HIA660
<b>Course Title:</b>	Cultural policy in a historical perspective <i>Kulturpolitik i ett historiskt perspektiv</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	7.5
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Master's level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (A1N)

**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

Bachelor degree of 180 ECTS cr with a major in History, Cultural Studies, History of Ideas, Religious Studies, Ethnology, Anthropology, or equivalent. Upper secondary level Swedish B/3 or Swedish as a Second Language B/3 and English A/6, or equivalent.

#### Learning Outcomes

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

1. describe the emergence of cultural policy and change in a historical perspective,
2. critically reflect on different types of cultural policy efforts in different social arenas, and
3. give a written account of how historical perspectives on cultural policy can be related to identity issues and interculturality in our time.

#### Content

The emergence of cultural policy in Sweden, and internationally, in the latter part of the 20th century is treated. Cultural policy is placed in a historical context and its emergence is treated in a broad sense, both as a national political sector, including popular education, and as a dynamic arena for various types of aesthetic forms of expression and cultural heritage projects. Culture is treated as a means of growth, regional equalisation and identity formation as well as a counterbalance to commercialisation. Students write an essay on a chosen thematic area in a broad cultural policy context and have the opportunity to acquire knowledge and perspectives suggesting different types of possible specialisation areas for future degree projects.

#### Reading List

See separate document.

**Examination**

Assessment is based on active participation in seminars and 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.