



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
History

Syllabus

The Multifaceted Cultural Heritage

Course Code:	HIG650
Course Title:	The Multifaceted Cultural Heritage <i>Det mångfacetterade kulturarvet</i>
Credits:	15
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements (G1N)

Major Field of Study:
HIA (History)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2025-08-12, and is valid from the Spring semester 2026 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements and either History 1b or 1a1+1a2 plus Civics 1b or 1a1+1a2 or History level 1b or level 1a1+1a2 plus Civics level 1b or level 1a1+1a2, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

Module 1 The world of ideas and cultural heritage (7.5 ECTS cr)

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

1. give an account of cultural heritage as a phenomenon and an area of research, and
2. identify and analyse historical and contemporary ideals, ideas, and conceptions of cultural heritage.

Module 2 Cultural heritage environments (7.5 ECTS cr)

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

1. reflect upon conditions for the emergence and conservation of cultural heritage environments, and
2. apply different perspectives on the significance of cultural heritage in different contexts.

Content

The course deals with how cultural heritage is constructed and represented in historical and contemporary perspectives. The aim is to explore and problematise cultural heritage, history, and memory and how they are produced, reproduced, disseminated, and used. The course has a multidisciplinary approach which makes it possible for students to focus on their own interests for certain assignments.

Students are offered opportunities to hone their analytical skills and identify historical developments of various aspects of power connected to cultural heritage, such as gender, class, and ethnicity, and to deepen their understanding of the importance of history, culture, and memory to people and society.

The course comprises two modules:

Module 1 The world of ideas and cultural heritage (7.5 ECTS cr)

This module explores and problematises how conceptions of cultural heritage have been shaped and reshaped in the past and the present.

Module 2 Cultural heritage environments (7.5 ECTS cr)

In this module, students investigate material and theoretical aspects of cultural heritage environments and cultural heritage work. The module includes visits from professionals working in the field and usually also involves an on-campus meeting combined with a study visit somewhere in Värmland.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Module 1:

Learning outcomes 1-2 are assessed based on an individual written hand-in assignment and active participation in seminars.

Module 2:

Learning outcome 1 is assessed based on an individual written hand-in assignment.

Learning outcome 2 is assessed based on an individual written hand-in assignment and active participation 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.

Some costs may be incurred in connection with the on-campus meeting and study visit.