



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Interculture

Syllabus

Communication and cultural diversity

Course Code:	IKAD03
Course Title:	Communication and cultural diversity <i>Kommunikation och kulturell mångfald</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:
INT (Intercultural Studies)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2025-03-04, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2025 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

90 ECTS credits in Intercultural Studies or other main area of study in the Humanities and Social Sciences, with at least 30 ECTS credits at the G2F level, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

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

1. give an account of intercultural theories on communication, disinformation, and cultural diversity,
2. give an account of intercultural research on disinformation and conspiracy theories from a global and comparative perspective, and
3. apply intercultural interpretation models with a focus on communication and cultural diversity.

Content

The concept of communication in intercultural studies encompasses the processes of human interaction that lead to group formation and the creation of collective identities. This perspective differs from more linear interpretation models, where communication is equated with information and the groups within or between which the information is shared are predetermined. The course addresses intercultural perspectives on disinformation, conspiracy theories, and the politically organised questioning of officially accepted truths. It focuses both on the social contexts in which such questioning is commonly found and on what it generates in terms of cultural and political content. The course provides an understanding of the role of communication in the emergence of cultural differences and the political administration of cultural diversity. Students participate in mandatory discussions and present individual projects in a seminar.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

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

Learning outcome 3 is assessed based on an individual oral presentation and an individual written hand-in assignment.

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.