



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Interculture

Syllabus

Intercultural Communication

Course Code:	IKGA03
Course Title:	Intercultural Communication <i>Interkulturell kommunikation</i>
Credits:	15
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements (G1N)

Major Field of Study:
INT (Intercultural Studies)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2021-02-10, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2021 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

1. give an account of concepts, theories, and methods used in intercultural studies,
2. give an account of and analyse the relationship between language use and intercultural communication,
3. apply methods to analyse cultural and social interactions, processes, and relations, and
4. compare perspectives on interculturality in different societies and different cultural contexts.

Content

The course is an introduction to intercultural communication as a social practice and a field

of research. It provides an overview of intercultural theories on culture, language, and communication with a special focus on language use across cultural and linguistic boundaries. Other areas covered in the course include the relationships between culture and identity, culture and nation, and verbal and non-verbal communication. The course is based on critical perspectives and intercultural awareness.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Learning outcomes 1, 2, and 3: Assessment is based on oral presentations in seminars and an individual written take-home exam.

Learning outcomes 3 and 4: Assessment is based on individual written hand-in assignments.

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.