



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Interculture

Syllabus

Intercultural studies: Nationalism and Swedishness

Course Code: IKGA06

Course Title: Intercultural studies: Nationalism and Swedishness
Intercultur: Nationalism och svenskhet

Credits: 7.5

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 2025-03-04, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2025 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements

Learning Outcomes

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

1. give an account of nationalism and Swedishness as concepts and how they relate to each other,
2. apply an intercultural perspective to nationalism and Swedishness, and
3. independently design and carry out a study of nationalism and Swedishness.

Content

The course introduces the concept of nationalism with a special focus on how nationalism as an ideology has emerged and developed through history. There is an emphasis on Sweden

and Swedish nationalism, and the course provides an intercultural perspective on the relationship between nationalism and Swedishness. During the course, students carry out their own case studies that are then presented in a final seminar.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Learning outcome 1 is assessed based on an individual written hand-in assignment. Learning outcomes 2 and 3 are assessed based on an individual written hand-in assignment presented and discussed in a seminar.

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.