



Faculty of Arts and Education
Interculture

Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Arts and Education on 15 September 2009, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2009 at Karlstad University. It replaces the former syllabus IKGA10.

Course Code: IKGA1A

Intercultural Communication I, 15.0 ECTS Credits

(Interkultur I, 15.0 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Bachelor

Progressive Specialisation: G1N (First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements)

Language of Instruction

English

Prerequisites

General admission requirements.

Major Field of Study

Learning Outcomes

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

- give an account of some theories on how values and norms are formed in different cultures
- apply and explain the fundamental concepts and theories of intercultural communication,
- understand the importance of intercultural communication in an increasingly globalised world,
- analyse the relationship between culture, identity, verbal and nonverbal communication, and values,
- examine and understand their own culture and how and why it differs from and is similar to other cultures,
- apply various methods and tools for understanding intercultural phenomena

Content and Form of Instruction

Instruction is in the form of lectures and group work. In case of absence, students may be required to do additional assignments.

The course focuses on the following aspects:

- cultural conditioning,
- relation between culture, identity, verbal and nonverbal communication and values in their interaction with people from different cultures
- theories and concepts used in the field of intercultural communication
- examination of students cultures
- effective intercultural communication.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Examination is based on seminar participation and oral and written individual and group assignments.

Grades

One of the grades Pass with distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course. International students will be graded according to the ECTS A-F scale.

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 assessment is based on student views and experiences as reported in written course evaluations and/or group discussions. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of the measures to be taken.

Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

Additional Information

Students who enrolled before 1 July 2007 will complete their studies in accordance with the requirements of the earlier admission. Upon completion students may request degree and course certificates to be issued under the current ordinance if they meet its requirements.

The course IKGA1A cannot be included in the same degree programme as IKGA11, IKGA10, and ICOM10.

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor's and Master's levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.

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