



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Interculture

Syllabus

Intercultural studies: theory, method and essay

Course Code: IKGB03

Course Title: Intercultural studies: theory, method and essay
Interkultur: teori, metod och uppsats

Credits: 15

Degree Level: Undergraduate level

Progressive Specialisation: First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (G1F)

Major Field of Study:

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2019-03-04, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2019 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

IKGA1A Intercultural Communication I, 15 ECTS credits, or IKGA11 Intercultural Communication, 15 ECTS credits, and Intercultural Studies I: Cultural Encounters and Identities, 15 ECTS credits, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

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

- give an account of and critically examine theories and methods used in intercultural studies,
- formulate a well defined research question relevant for intercultural studies,
- apply intercultural methods in an essay, and
- critically examine and discuss their own and others' research-based conclusions both orally and in writing.

Content

The course introduces different theoretical perspectives used in the field of intercultural studies and methods for independent intercultural projects, such as field studies, textual analysis, critical discourse analysis, and media and internet ethnography. Issues related to formulating research problems, applying source criticism, and referencing are covered. Students complete an independent project in the form of an essay, focused on a well-defined research question, and contribute to a final seminar where their essays are peer reviewed and discussed.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on an individual written take-home exam and an essay presented and discussed in a seminar, as well as peer review and the public examination and discussion of another student's work.

If students have a decision from Karlstad University entitling them to special pedagogical 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.