



Faculty of Arts and Education
Visual Art
Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Arts and Education on 28 August 2012 , and is valid from the Spring semester of 2013 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: KBGAF2

**The Philosophy of Photography I: Introduction, 7.5 ECTS Credits
(Fotografins filosofi I: Introduktion, 7.5 Swedish credit points)**

Degree Level: Bachelor

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

Language of Instruction

Swedish

Prerequisites

General admission requirements

Major Field of Study

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course students should be able to:

- give an account of the foundational theoretical issues of photography from a historical, philosophical and existential perspective,
- analyse individual photographic works using different image analysis models,
- use basic technical concepts in the area of photography,
- demonstrate general knowledge of the historical, social and ethical forms of representation in photography.

Content and Form of Instruction

The course provides a survey of the most important conceptions in the history of photography and an introduction to the seminal texts, photographic works, theories and debates that describe an understanding of the relation between the photographic image and reality. Genres and techniques of forms of representation in photography are also treated, and analysis of images and individual photographic works are practised.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on a take-home exam and an individually performed image analysis.

Grades

One of the grades Fail, (U), Pass (G), or Distinction (VG) 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 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 KBGAF2 cannot be included in the same degree programme as the course KBGAF1.

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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