



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Human Geography

## Syllabus

### Human Geography - Independent Project in Region Building II

<b>Course Code:</b>	KGA514
<b>Course Title:</b>	Human Geography - Independent Project in Region Building II <i>Kulturgeografi - Självständigt arbete i Regionalt Samhällsbyggande II</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	15
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Master's level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits) (A2E)

**Major Field of Study:**  
KGA (Human Geography)

#### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2017-09-13, and is valid from the Spring semester 2018 at Karlstad University.

#### Prerequisites

Completed 75 ECTS course credits for SAREG, Master Programme in Region Building, including KGA508 Human Geography: Independent Project in Region Building I.

#### Learning Outcomes

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

- independently identify and formulate relevant and current research problems related to region building from a human geography perspective,
- critically and systematically analyse, assess and handle complex phenomena and issues related to region building from a human geography perspective,
- explain and assess theoretical knowledge and methodology in human geography,
- explain and discuss current theoretical, analytical and methodological issues nationally and internationally from a human geography perspective on region building,
- reflect on and assess the ethical aspects of research questions and research and development work,
- present, compare, criticise and give arguments for their theoretical and methodological approaches in relation to current research, nationally and internationally, and
- orally present and defend as well as critically review scholarly works.

#### Content

The independent project has a focus on a problem in region building treated in a human geography perspective. Different perspectives and areas are studied and analysed in terms of economic, political, cultural spatio-temporal and environmental changes from the regional perspectives.

Students present and defend their projects and serve as peer reviewer.

Instruction is in the form of individual and/or group supervision and seminars.

Supervision is provided for the duration of the course. Re-registered students are only offered supervision if circumstances permit.

### **Reading List**

See separate document.

### **Examination**

Assessment is based on an individually written independent thesis presented and defended at a seminar and on the student's performance as peer-reviewer.

The number of assessment opportunities is limited to five.

### **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.

Master Programme Region Building (SAREG, 120 ECTS cr).