



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Human Geography

Syllabus

Introduction - Spatial and Social planning and project management

Course Code:	KGGA40
Course Title:	Introduction - Spatial and Social planning and project management <i>Introduktionskurs - samhällsplanering och projektledning</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements (G1N)

Major Field of Study:

KGA (Human Geography)
SKA (Political Science)
SOA (Sociology)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2018-03-08, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2018 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements

Learning Outcomes

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

- demonstrate basic knowledge and understanding of the spatial and social research fields of human geography, political science and sociology
- review and evaluate a concrete case of planning and relate to the various research fields and perspectives,
- demonstrate basic knowledge and understanding of current problems and issues of spatial and social planning, and
- analyse a current problem and suggest alternative solutions from different planning perspectives.

Content

The course comprises:

- excursions/studies of a spatial and social planning project
- group work relating to the various perspectives of spatial and social planning in terms of the 'good society'
- components concerning the complexity of spatial and social planning in terms of the individual and society

Students are introduced to the situations and problems that spatial and social planners face and their professional role involving the need to relate to other aspects of planning. Students are also introduced to the different programme areas. Real projects are studied from different perspectives, providing insight into the complexity of spatial and social planning and concrete tasks in the form of organising, knowledge required, and methods used. Through concrete examples, students form an understanding of expert areas required and the role of the spatial and social planner.

Instruction is in the form of lectures, excursions and seminars.
Attendance is mandatory in all course components except lectures.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on group and individual hand-in assignments, presented and discussed in seminars and active participation in excursions.

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.