



Faculty of Social and Life Sciences
Human Geography

Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Social and Life Sciences on 28 March 2011, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2011 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: KGGB45

Methods of Spatial and Social Planning, 7.5 ECTS Credits

(Samhällsplanerarens metoder, 7.5 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Bachelor

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

Language of Instruction

Swedish

Prerequisites

Completed first term Community Planning programme 30 ECTS cr., course KGGB42 and the courses KGGB43, SVGB90 and SVGB91, or equivalent.

Major Field of Study

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

Learning Outcomes

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

- give an account of and apply concrete planning methods and forms of civic participation and communication
- apply construction and planning legislation
- handle concrete diversity issues in the planning (sustainability, gender and integration)
- assess concrete planning cases in terms of different objectives and steering instruments

Content and Form of Instruction

Instruction is in the form of lectures/lessons, presentations, laboratory sessions, practical exercises, field trips and seminars.

The focus of the course is on practical methods in community planning.

The course deals with the different political, social, ecological and technological dimensions of community planning issues, exemplified by actual construction projects at different levels and in different environments, urban construction, landscape planning, infrastructure development.. Methods of promoting civic participation and communication are discussed, as are prognosis, scenario planning techniques and future models. Special

attention is given to issues of sustainability, gender, diversity and integration. GIS methods are briefly treated.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on a written individual take-home PM, written group report and presentation. and participation in field trips and seminars.

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

The course is a mandatory part of the Community Planning programme: Project Management and Sustainable Environments 180 ECTS cr.

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