



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Human Geography

## Syllabus

### Spatial and Social Planning II: Sustainable development - individual, society and environment

<b>Course Code:</b>	KGGB52
<b>Course Title:</b>	Spatial and Social Planning II: Sustainable development - individual, society and environment <i>Samhällsplanering II: Hållbar utveckling - individ, samhälle och miljö</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	15
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Undergraduate level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (G1F)

**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 2016-09-19, and is valid from the Spring semester 2017 at Karlstad University.

#### Prerequisites

At least 15 ECTS credits completed for semester 1 of the Spatial and Social Planning Programme (SGSAM), or equivalent

#### Learning Outcomes

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

- give an account of and explain the different sustainability perspectives of spatial and social planning processes,
- give an account of the organisation of spatial and social planning in different contexts,
- describe basic perspectives of the relation between the individual and different social context as ways of addressing spatial and social planning,
- analyse reality-based cases in terms of sustainability aspects,
- analyse reality-based cases in terms of legal aspects, and
- analyse and reflect on the importance of regional differences in spatial and social planning.

#### Content

Different areas of spatial and social planning with a focus on sustainable development from different aspects linked to the physical planning in urban and non-urban areas are treated. Sustainable development is discussed in terms of social, ecological and economic aspects, for example, issues of

power, gender, integration, risk and safety, the preservation of construction and cultural and architectural heritage in relation to different views and ideas on planning. The legal aspects and regulations as means of control over planning are central to the course, that is, building regulations/permission procedures (buildings and infrastructure), the environment (Environment Act), Planning and Construction Law (PBL). Also local and regional development and planning are treated as are the concrete tools of planning, methods and effects in collaboration with the community. Issues of the relations between the city and the rural area and their importance to sustainable development are treated.

Instruction is in the form of lectures, laboratory/application exercises, excursions and seminars.

### **Reading List**

See separate document.

### **Examination**

Assessment is based on individual take-home exams, written and oral presentations of group work and active participation in seminars and excursions.

### **Grades**

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course. The grade of Distinction is awarded to students who have earned this grade for at least half of the 15 course credits.

### **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 course overlaps with courses in Human Geography at Karlstad University.

Participation in excursion may entail a cost.

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.

Required course for the Spatial and Social Planning Programme 180 ECTS cr.