



Faculty of Arts and Social Science
Human Geography

Syllabus

Human Geography III

Course Code:	KGGC02
Course Title:	Human Geography III <i>Human Geography III</i>
Credits:	30
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements, contains degree proj. for B.A./B.Sc. (G2E)

Major Field of Study:
KGA (Human Geography)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Science 2015-03-15, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2015 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

Courses in human geography, spatial and social planning, tourism or geography with an emphasis on human geography, totalling 60 ECTS cr or equivalent and a project/essay at basic level (G1F) 7.5 ECTS cr.

Learning Outcomes

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

- demonstrate further knowledge of a disciplinary theory and method,
- demonstrate further knowledge of a subject-specific research field,
- independently plan, conduct and present a study in human geography, and
- critically review research writings.

Module 1 Theory and Methods of Human Geography, 7.5 ECTS cr

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

- produce a research design for a human geography study,
- evaluate the research process and its results. and
- demonstrate enhanced knowledge of current theories in human geography.

Module 2 Human Geography Specialisation, 7.5 ECTS cr

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

- demonstrate deeper knowledge of current theories and key concepts in the field,
- seek, compile and critically review relevant theoretical literature and applied studies in the chosen area.

Module 3 Thesis/independent project, 15 ECTS cr

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

- demonstrate the ability to plan, complete and report studies in human geography.

Content

The course comprises three modules of which the first two prepare for the thesis/independent project in module 3.

Module 1 Theory and Methods of Human Geography, 7.5 ECTS cr

The module relates to current research and theory development in the subject area, traditional and contemporary, Swedish and international. Students acquire further insights into disciplinary methodology, thus providing the basis for the planning, application and evaluation of a research design. Students work in a process-oriented way.

Instruction is in the form of lectures/lessons, seminars and an application-oriented methods project. Attendance at seminars is mandatory.

Module 2 Human Geography Specialisation, 7.5 ECTS cr

The module provides specialisation in a human geography problem area. The starting-point is a current human geography issue related to relevant research approaches and theories.

Instruction is in the form of lectures/lessons and seminar, and possible excursions. Attendance at seminars is mandatory. Exemption from mandatory attendance can be granted if there are special circumstances, provided that the aim of the seminar can be fulfilled in some other way.

Module 3 Thesis/independent project, 15 ECTS cr

Students plan, conduct and present a study in human geography. The emphasis is on previously acquired knowledge and skills and the capacity to assimilate current theories and critically review current research in human geography. The work is presented in the form of an essay and discussed at a seminar.

Instruction is in the form of supervision, mainly individually but also in groups. The module is concluded with a seminar where students present their essays and act as peer reviewers. The seminars are mandatory.

Supervision is provided for the course duration, Reregistered students are offered supervision only if circumstances permit.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Modules 1 and 2 are assessed on the basis of individual hand-in assignments and performance in mandatory seminars.

Module 3 is assessed on the basis of a submitted thesis/independent work, presented and discussed in mandatory seminar and performance as peer reviewer.

The number of examinations for module 3 is limited to five.

Grades

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G) or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course and modules. The grade of Distinction for the course is awarded to students who have earned this grade for at least 15 of the 30 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 local regulations for studies at the Bachelor's and Master's levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.