



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Cultural Studies

# Syllabus

## Nordic Studies

<b>Course Code:</b>	KVGAN2
<b>Course Title:</b>	Nordic Studies <i>Nordiska studier</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	15
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Undergraduate level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements (G1N)

**Major Field of Study:**  
KSU (Cultural Studies)

### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2019-09-03, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2020 at Karlstad University.

### Prerequisites

General admission requirements

### Learning Outcomes

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

- give an account of the main features of the cultural, intellectual, political, social, religious, and historical development in Sweden in particular and the Nordic region generally in a European context,
- critically compare and discuss social aspects in the countries in the Nordic region,
- give an account of the Nordic region's European affiliation on the basis of a chosen perspective, and
- present short analyses of current debates related to the field of Nordic Studies.

### Content

Historical and cultural processes in the Swedish and Nordic regions are discussed in a European context and from an interdisciplinary perspective. A number of thematic lectures are given on various societal areas, drawing on the disciplinary perspectives of history of ideas, art history, political science, human geography, history, religious studies, gender studies, comparative literature, and film studies.

**Reading List**

See separate document.

**Examination**

Assessment is based on individual written assignments.

The examiner may decide that a student who is very close to a passing grade can complete a supplementary assignment to receive a passing grade for a specific examination. If this is a possibility, the students must be informed in writing no later than the start of the course, and the examiner must specify when and how such a supplementary assignment may be permitted.

If students have a decision from Karlstad University entitling them to special pedagogical support due to a documented disability, the examiner has the right to give such students an adapted examination or to examine them in a different manner.

**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.

The course cannot be included in the same degree programme as the course KVGAN1.