



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Cultural Studies

Syllabus

Cultural Heritage

Course Code:	KVG AU2
Course Title:	Cultural Heritage <i>Kulturarv</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	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 2023-03-01, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2023 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements

Learning Outcomes

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

1. give an account of how cultural heritage is constructed, handled, used, and consumed, nationally and globally,
2. give an account of how cultural heritage is conveyed through institutions such as museums and cultural tourism,
3. analyse and problematise cultural heritage in terms of concepts such as tradition, canon, authenticity, history use, and identity, and
4. analyse the political dimension of cultural heritage.

Content

The national and global importance of cultural heritage is introduced with an emphasis on history use, museums, and cultural tourism. The focus is on how cultural heritage is constructed, handled, and conveyed, but also how it is used and consumed. Essential aspects are the political dimensions of cultural heritage, different conceptualisations of cultural heritage, and concepts such as tradition, canon, authenticity, and identity.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on individual written hand-in assignments presented and discussed in seminars, and a written group assignment presented orally.

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 Targeted Study 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.