



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Cultural Studies

Syllabus

Essay II: Cultural studies

Course Code: KVGC02

Course Title: Essay II: Cultural studies
Självständigt arbete II: Kulturstudier

Credits: 15

Degree Level: Undergraduate level

Progressive First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry

Specialisation: requirements, contains degree proj. for B.A./B.Sc. (G2E)

Major Field of Study:

KSU (Cultural Studies)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2018-11-27, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2019 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

At least 60 ECTS credits in Cultural Studies, including KVGBS1 Essay I: Cultural studies, 7.5 ECTS credits, and KVGBM1 Cultural Studies Methods I, 7.5 ECTS credits, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

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

- analyse current cultural policy issues,
- use the theories and methods of cultural studies to analyse the cultural sector,
- present their own cultural studies investigations and their results in the form of a well written, lucid, and clear essay,
- discuss and defend their own academic essay,
- review and assess the academic works of others,

- critically discuss and evaluate their own research results and those of others in terms of relevant academic, societal, and ethical aspects, and
- suggest new topics for future research relevant to the field.

Content

Students analyse the contemporary cultural sector in terms of its forms of expression, fields of activities, and situation in relation to current cultural policy, and carry out an independently written essay, which is discussed in a final seminar. Students are also required to serve as a peer reviewer of another student's independent essay and discuss both its academic quality and the social and ethical dimensions of the results.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Learning outcomes are assessed on the basis of a written independent project, presented and discussed in a mandatory seminar and on performance as a peer reviewer. The independent project can be submitted for assessment five times at the most.

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 KVGC02 cannot be included in the same degree programme as the courses KVGC61 or KVGA06.