



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Cultural Studies

Syllabus

Cultural Studies Method II

Course Code:	KVGCKM
Course Title:	Cultural Studies Method II <i>Kulturvvetenskaplig metod II</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (G2F)

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

Cultural Studies (60 ECTS credits), including KVGBM1 Cultural Studies Methods I (7.5 ECTS credits), or equivalent.

Learning Outcomes

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

- give an account of the main fields in current cultural policy research,
- describe central approaches in current cultural policy research with a focus on methods,
- critically assess the cultural studies methods and theories used to analyse the conditions, fields of activities, and forms of expression of the cultural sector,
- critically reflect upon cultural studies and cultural policy research in relation to theoretical traditions and to issues of the social, political, and ethical dimensions of knowledge, and

- adhere to the standards of academic writing.

Content

The course provides further insights into key cultural studies methods and theoretical principles for analysing the cultural sector and its conditions, field of activities, and forms of expression in relation to the traditions and approaches of the theory and philosophy of science. The overview of the methods and theories of cultural studies takes its starting-point in current cultural policy and continually problematises the practical and social dimensions of theory. The course also includes an introduction to current cultural policy research in the Nordic countries with an emphasis on methods and theory in cultural studies.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on group and individual hand-in assignments, presented and discussed in mandatory seminars.

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 KVGC01 cannot be included in the same degree programme as the courses KVGC61 or KVGA06.