



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Cultural Studies

## Syllabus

### History of Ideas II: Independent Project I

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| <b>Course Code:</b>                | KVGH24  |
| <b>Course Title:</b>               | History of Ideas II: Independent Project I<br><i>Idéhistoria II: Självständigt arbete I</i> |
| <b>Credits:</b>                    | 7.5   |
| <b>Degree Level:</b>               | Undergraduate level   |
| <b>Progressive Specialisation:</b> | First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (G1F)   |

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

#### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2018-02-20, and is valid from the Spring semester 2019 at Karlstad University.

#### Prerequisites

History of Ideas I, 30 ECTS credits, or equivalent, with 22.5 ECTS credits completed, plus KVGH21 Theoretical and Methodological Traditions of History of Ideas (7.5 ECTS cr) or equivalent

#### Learning Outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

- give an account of the importance of formal aspects to the quality of academic papers,
- give an account of the writing process and the importance of language use in academic presentations,

Competence and skills

- formulate a delimited research question in the field of History of Ideas,
- collect relevant information for a research question in the field of History of Ideas,
- present the results of an idea-historical study according to guidelines for academic writing,
- critically review and assess their own project and that of others, and

Judgement and approach

- evaluate the potentials and limitations of the knowledge contribution of a project and its ethical and social implications.

#### Content

Students complete a minor independent project, based on a delimited topic and on relevant questions, theories and methods. How to seek, use, analyse, and interpret primary sources and secondary sources

are discussed in seminars along with the characteristics of purpose, delimitation, outline, referencing, language use and meticulousness, within the discipline History of Ideas. In conclusion, students present and review their projects in final seminars.

Instruction is in the form of lectures and recurring mandatory seminars in which students present work-in-progress.

### **Reading List**

See separate document.

### **Examination**

Assessment is based on an independent project, orally defended in seminar and peer review performance.

### **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.