



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Cultural Studies

Syllabus

History of Ideas II: Independent Project I

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| Course Code: | KVGH24 |
| Course Title: | History of Ideas II: Independent Project I <i>Idéhistoria II: Självständigt arbete I</i> |
| Credits: | 7.5 |
| Degree Level: | Undergraduate level |
| Progressive Specialisation: | 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 2019-09-03, and is valid from the Spring semester 2020 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

History of Ideas I (30 ECTS credits) with 22.5 ECTS credits completed, plus KVGH21 History of Ideas II: 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 for the quality of academic papers,
- give an account of the importance of the writing process and language use in academic presentations,

Competence and skills

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

Judgement and approach

- evaluate the possibilities and limitations of a history of ideas project in terms of knowledge 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 find, use, analyse, and interpret primary and secondary sources is discussed in seminars along with the characteristics of History of Ideas in terms of purpose, research questions, issues of delimitation, outline, referencing, language use, and meticulousness. At the end of the course, students present and review their projects in a final seminar.

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

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based partly on an independent project, defended orally in a seminar, and partly on performance as a peer reviewer of another student's project.

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.