



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Cultural Studies

## Syllabus

### Art History and Visual Studies: Modernism, Postmodernism and Contemporary art

<b>Course Code:</b>	KVGK32
<b>Course Title:</b>	Art History and Visual Studies: Modernism, Postmodernism and Contemporary art <i>Konst- och bildvetenskap: modernism, postmodernism och samtidskonst</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	7.5
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Undergraduate level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements (GIN)

**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 Autumn semester 2018 at Karlstad University.

#### Prerequisites

General admission requirements

#### Learning Outcomes

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

- give an account of central aspects of modernism, postmodernism and contemporary trends in visual art, architecture and design in the 20-21st centuries,
- give examples of how new media are used in art and visual cultures in the 20-21st centuries,
- give examples of how Western visual art and architectural cultures in the 20-21st centuries display influence from other cultures,
- give examples of how postcolonial criticism and globalisation have affected art in the 20-21st centuries, and
- discuss how visual and architectural designs reflect power, class, gender, ethnicity and religious conceptions in the 20- 21st centuries.

#### Content

The course comprises studies of visual art, architecture and design in the 20-21st centuries in terms of the concepts of modernity, modernism, postmodernism and globalisation. New media use of art and visual culture in Western 20-21st century culture is studied as well as the influence of non-European cultures, and how visual and architectural 20-21st century styles reflect power, class, gender and ethnicity.

**Reading List**

See separate document.

**Examination**

Assessment is based on 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 corresponds to Module 4 of KVGK30.