



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Media and Communication Studies

## Syllabus

### Specialisation course 3: Geomedia, spatial planning, and mobility

<b>Course Code:</b>	MKA103
<b>Course Title:</b>	Specialisation course 3: Geomedia, spatial planning, and mobility <i>Specialiseringskurs 3: Geomedia, rumslig planering och mobilitet</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	7.5
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Master's level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (A1N)

**Major Field of Study:**  
KGA (Human Geography)  
MKA (Media and Communication Studies)

#### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2019-02-22, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2019 at Karlstad University.

#### Prerequisites

90 ECTS credits of Human Geography or Media and Communication Studies, including at least 30 ECTS credits at the G2F level and a degree project/essay of at least 15 ECTS credits at the advanced level, or equivalent, plus upper secondary school level English B/6.

#### Learning Outcomes

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

- give an account of advanced theories and concepts of mobility, spatial planning, and space,
- describe, interpret, and examine the interplay between mobility, media, and spatial processes,
- map out how mobility, media, and spatial planning contribute to varying power geometries in our time,
- critically examine the spatial impact of digitalisation in both urban and rural areas,
- discuss the challenges and problems of spatial planning in connection with increased mobility and a digitalised media landscape,
- apply theories of mobility to solve a spatial planning problem, and
- initiate, plan, realise, and present a study of a current issue related to mobility, media, and spatial planning.

### **Content**

Our homes, workplaces, and residential areas as well as shops, markets, and streets are objects of spatial planning - sometimes in order to change human mobility. But who has the power to design space and mobility? And how are planning and design influenced by new media? This course offers students training in understanding the interplay between media, mobility, and spatial planning today. The main focus is the various geographies of different mobilities and media, and how these are expressed in spatial planning. The course covers different types of mobility (migration, tourism, labour) and their social, economic, political, cultural, and spatial impact, as well as the varying power geometries of mobility, media, and spatial planning today, in urban and rural areas. Gentrification, place marketing, and the impact of digitalisation as well as the rights to the city and "mobility capital" are some examples of power geometries discussed in the course. The course also includes advanced methods for studying mobility, mediatisation, and spatial planning in different contexts and on different scales. Students develop skills in understanding, interpreting, and examining the interplay between mobility, media, and spatial processes as well as advanced theoretical knowledge and methodological competence which are applied in an individual scholarly study.

### **Reading List**

See separate document.

### **Examination**

Assessment is based on individual oral presentations in seminars and individual written hand-in assignments.

### **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.