



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Media and Communication Studies

Syllabus

One-year master thesis in geomeia studies

Course Code:	MKA202
Course Title:	One-year master thesis in geomeia studies <i>Magisteruppsats i geomeiastudier</i>
Credits:	15
Degree Level:	Master's level
Progressive Specialisation:	Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (60 credits) (A1E)

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 2019-09-03, and is valid from the Spring semester 2020 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

22.5 ECTS credits completed in the Master programme in Geomeia Studies (SAGEO), or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

- give an account of methodological approaches and theories used in their own and other people's research,
- plan and conduct empirical studies relevant for Geomeia Studies,
- present the results of their own research in accordance with research conventions,
- justify and defend their own research projects,
- critically evaluate their own and other people's research projects, and

- identify future research needs in Geomedia Studies.

Content

In this course, students develop their ability to carry out an independent research project on a selected topic relevant for the study programme in general and the research field of Geomedia Studies in particular. Students select one of the two main fields of study included in the study programme as their specialisation. While working on their theses, students develop their ability to choose and apply knowledge related to both theory and method at an advanced level. Supervision is provided for the duration of the course. Reregistered students are only offered supervision if circumstances permit.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on an independent research project and active participation in seminars. Students present and defend their projects in a seminar, and serve as peer reviewers of each other's work. Participation in seminars is mandatory. The number of assessment opportunities in this course is limited to five.

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.