



Faculty of Health, Science and Technology
Environmental Science

Syllabus

Sustainable development and regional perspectives

Course Code:	MVA601
Course Title:	Sustainable development and regional perspectives <i>Hållbar utveckling och regionala perspektiv</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Master's level
Progressive Specialisation:	Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (A1N)

Major Field of Study:

MXA (Environmental Science)

RIM (Risk and Environmental Studies)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Health, Science and Technology 2018-02-13, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2018 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

Upper secondary school level English 6 or equivalent.

Programme students: see general admission requirements for the Master programme Region Building (SAREG).

Non-programme students: Undergraduate courses in social science subjects totalling 120 ECTS cr., with 90 credits completed, including a degree project 15 ECTS cr., in one of the following main field of studies: History, Human Geography, Political Science, Tourism Studies or Environmental Science with a social science profile, or an engineering degree in GIT with a social science profile, or equivalent.

Learning Outcomes

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

- analyse sustainable development as a global goal in regional practice,
- critically review and discuss various visions of goals for sustainable development in regional contexts,
- assess and value the importance of the respective ecological, social and economic dimensions of sustainable development in regional practice,
- identify power and normality structures and their relevance to the interpretation of regional practice for sustainable development,
- argue in-depth on sustainable development, civil society, environmental dilemmas and conflicting goals.

Content

The course comprises the following components:

- Presentation of the problem area of sustainable development as a global goal in regional practice

- Treatment and discussion of sustainable development as a global goal in regional practice
- Review of a number of current cases from different perspectives relevant to the area
- Active participation, critical reflection and oral and written scholarly argumentation.

Instruction is in the form of lectures and seminars.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on individual and mandatory group presentations in seminar and an individual take-home exam.

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.