



Faculty of Economic Sciences, Communication and IT  
Psychology

Syllabus

### **Course Approval**

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Economic Sciences, Communication and IT on 13 June 2007, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2007 at Karlstad University.

**Course Code:** PSGA26

**Introduction to Psychology, 15 ECTS Credits**  
**(Introduktion till psykologi, 15 Swedish credit points)**

**Degree Level:** Bachelor

**Progression Level:** A

### **Language of Instruction**

The language of instruction is Swedish.

### **Prerequisites**

General admission requirements.

### **Major Field of Study**

Psychology

### **Learning Outcomes**

The aim of the course is to provide students with a general orientation in the theories, methods, and areas of application of psychology.

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

- identify and explain basic psychological concepts and theories,
- give an account of various psychological perspectives, and
- critically examine research in the field, with the help of directions and guidelines pertaining to the theory of science and research ethics.

### **Content and Form of Instruction**

The course gives an overview of the science of psychology. It comprises 16 modules, including psychobiology, developmental psychology, cognitive development, sensory development, perception, attentiveness, memory, language, intelligence, motivation and emotions, stress and health, psychopathology, and psychotherapy. In addition, the theory of science and research ethics will be discussed.

The course is entirely web-based. Instruction is mainly in the form of a number of short lectures which the students can access online. Independent study, discussions, and online exercises and assignments are also part of the course.

The students will be divided into study groups for the completion of group assignments.

#### Reading List

See separate document.

#### Examination

Examination is in the form of written assignments at the end of each module. In addition, students must participate in a number of obligatory group 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 assessment is based on student views and experiences as reported in written course evaluations and/or group discussions. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of the measures to be taken.

#### Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

#### Additional Information

Students who enrolled before 1 July 2007 will complete their studies in accordance with the requirements of the earlier admission. Upon completion students may request degree and course certificates to be issued under the current ordinance if they meet its requirements.

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor's and Master's levels at Karlstad University, ref. C2007/368, stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.

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