



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Psychology

## Syllabus

### Social psychology from a psychological perspective

<b>Course Code:</b>	PSGA66
<b>Course Title:</b>	Social psychology from a psychological perspective <i>Socialpsykologi ur ett psykologiskt perspektiv</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 (G1N)

**Major Field of Study:**  
PSA (Psychology)

#### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2018-08-31, and is valid from the Spring semester 2019 at Karlstad University.

#### Prerequisites

General admission requirements

#### Learning Outcomes

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

1. describe and explain central concepts and theories in the field of social psychology,
2. explain and analyse psychological phenomena in terms of various social psychological theories, and
3. explain and analyse social situations with the help of social psychological concepts and theories.

#### Content

Social psychology centres on the psychological study of an individual's thoughts, feelings and behaviour in social situations in terms of questions such as the following: How is our performance affected by the presence of other people? How are we affected by social influence such as conformity and obedience? How are our attitudes shaped and changed? What affects prosocial behaviour? Instruction is mainly in the form of net-based lectures, individual case studies, and preparatory assignments. Students are required to study course literature between instructional sessions.

#### Reading List

See separate document.

#### Examination

Assessment is based on a take-home exam, presented and discussed at a mandatory seminar and on individual 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.