



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Religious Studies and Theology

Syllabus

Field studies: cultural encounters and field-specific knowledge

Course Code:	REGFA1
Course Title:	Field studies: cultural encounters and field-specific knowledge <i>Fältstudier: kulturmöten och områdeskunskap</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (G1F)

Major Field of Study:

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2018-02-22, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2018 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

Completed 30 ECTS credits

Learning Outcomes

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

1. reflect on norms and values in their own culture and in their future profession,
2. give an account of possible strategies and approaches to cultural encounters,
3. reflect on their own position in the field on the basis of colonial and postcolonial power perspectives,
4. give an account of a geographical area, its communities, culture and history, and
5. give an account of the academic field that is relevant to their future profession and to the geographical target area of the field study.

Content

The course centres on cultural encounters, cultural clashes and how cultural differences arise in the encounters of minority and majority cultures. Students reflect on their own position in the field and discuss strategies and approaches to handling situations. In preparation of the field study, the course includes literature studies of the geographical area and the specific institutions to visit. The course is particularly suited to students who plan to carry out practical placement or other internships abroad.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on two minor independent projects discussed in seminars.

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.