



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Religious Studies and Theology

## Syllabus

### Field work: preparations and methods

<b>Course Code:</b>	REGFA2
<b>Course Title:</b>	Field work: preparations and methods <i>Fältarbete: förberedelser och metoder</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	15
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Undergraduate level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	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

Module 1, Cultural Encounters in the Field, 7.5 ECTS cr

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

1. give an account of theories of how norms and values are formed in different cultures,
2. give an account of theory on cultural encounters,
3. give an account of possible strategies and approaches to cultural encounters, and
4. reflect on their own position in the field, based on colonial and postcolonial power perspectives.

Module 2, Field Research Methodology, 7.5 ECTS cr

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

1. give an account of field research methods in the humanities and social sciences,
2. discuss problems and suggest solutions to problems arising during field studies,
3. independently author an adequate project description of a field study,
4. discuss ethical dilemmas and considerations that may arise in field studies, and
5. balance requirement of anonymity against intersubjective verifiability in collecting and processing field data.

#### Content

Module 1, Cultural Encounters in the Field, 7.5 ECTS cr

The module deals with cultural encounters, cultural clashes and how cultural differences arise between minority and majority cultures. Students reflect on their own position in the field, and discuss

strategies and approaches to handle situations.

Module 2, Field Research Methodology, 7.5 ECTS cr

The module has a focus on field research methodology. Students draw up a preliminary field study plan and develop methodological skills in conducting field research, such as observations, interviews and photo documentation, and in writing a project description and project report. The module is particularly suited to students who need to collect material for an essay.

### **Reading List**

See separate document.

### **Examination**

Module 1

Learning outcomes 1 and 2 are assessed on the basis of an independent project. Learning outcomes 3 and 4 are assessed on the basis of two minor independent assignments discussed in seminars.

Module 2

All learning outcomes are assessed on the basis of an independent project discussed in seminar.

### **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.