



Faculty of Health, Science and Technology
Environmental Science

Syllabus

Communication related to Environment and Risk Management

Course Code:	RHG210
Course Title:	Communication related to Environment and Risk Management <i>Risk- och miljökommunikation</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (G2F)

Major Field of Study:

MXA (Environmental Science)

RHA (Risk Management)

RIM (Risk and Environmental Studies)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Health, Science and Technology 2018-02-28, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2018 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

Completed 1-60 ECTS cr. in the main fields of environmental studies, risk management, biology, social and spatial planning, environment and energy systems, natural geography, human geography or political science. Alternatively, completed 1-30 ECTS cr in two of the fields listed, or equivalent.

Learning Outcomes

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

- give an account of the central concepts and issues in communication theory,
- describe the special circumstances of risk and environmental communication,
- analyse the need of and suggest strategies for risk and environmental communication.
- communicate orally and in writing with different target groups.

Content

Instruction is in the form of lectures, seminars and practical exercises in communication planning and in written and oral presentation.

The course comprises the following components:

- basic communication theory
- specialisation in risk and environmental communication
- risk perception and other psychological factors in behavioural change

- planning and performing risk and environmental communication
- oral and written presentation adjusted to different target groups.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is individual and based on exercises, seminars and a 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.