



Faculty of Social and Life Sciences
Sociology
Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Social and Life Sciences on 8 March 2012, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2012 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: SOA503

Glocal and Local Relations, 7.5 ECTS Credits
(Glokala relationer, 7.5 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Master

Progressive Specialisation: A1N (Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements)

Language of Instruction

Swedish, another Scandinavian language, or English

Prerequisites

Non-programme students: First-cycle courses in social and political science totalling at least 120 ECTS, of which 90 ECTS or including a degree thesis of 15 ECTS or in one of the following subjects: History, Human Geography, Social Work, Social Care, Sociology, Political Science, Tourism or Environmental Science with an emphasis on social science, or a degree in engineering in GIS with an emphasis on social science.

Programme students: Bachelor's degree 180 ECTS or totalling at least 180 ECTS or with a Major in Sociology, Social Work, Social Care, History, Human Geography, Political Science, Tourism, Environmental Science or equivalent.

Alternatively, professional Bachelor's degree in GIS-engineering or social work/care of at least 180 ECTS or including a degree project 15 ECTS or.

Tourism, environmental and GIS engineering students must have an emphasis on social science.

Major Field of Study

HIA (History), KGA (Human Geography), SAA (), SKA (Political Science), SOA (Sociology)

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course students should be able to:

- describe what global and local development refers to,
- give an account of and explain the effects of globalisation,
- explain different theories of social mechanisms that can be said to achieve social change,
- identify different social mechanisms that can achieve change,
- give an account of the relation between local development links to global trends and changes in modern time,
- analyse and assess qualitative methods in relation to research on social change processes,
- analyse the importance of contemporary global and local development from a social and cultural perspective,
- analyse the social consequences of global development for different levels in society.

Content and Form of Instruction

Instruction is in the form of lectures, individual study and seminars. The relation between global and local interdependence is problematised. The connection between local developmental trends and global trends and changes in modern time is treated. Grounded theory and narrative method are introduced and exemplified as methods in social change efforts and regional development processes.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on a written group assignment and a written individual work, which is discussed in a seminar.

Grades

One of the grades Fail (F) or Pass (G) is awarded in the examination of the course.

Assessment criteria for the grade Distinction are specified in the study guide.

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 course SOA503 cannot be included in the same degree programme as the course SOAD05 (Global and regional development 7.5 ECTS cr).

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

The course Glocal Relations is part of the Region Building programme and has a multi-disciplinary approach, which means that economic, political, social, cultural, time-space aspects and environmental changes are analysed from different perspectives. Each course offers subject specialisation in one or more dimensions regarding region building.

Course approved on 28 March 2011.