



Faculty of Arts and Social Science
Sociology

Syllabus

Glocal and Local Relations

Course Code:	SOA503
Course Title:	Glocal and Local Relations <i>Glokala relationer</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Master's level
Progressive Specialisation:	Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (A1N)

Major Field of Study:

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

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Science 2016-03-11, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2016 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

Upper secondary school level Swedish 3 or B/Swedish as a second language 3 or B

Non-programme students: First-cycle courses in the social sciences totalling at least 120 ECTS credits with 90 ECTS cr, including a degree project 15 ECTS cr in one of the following majors: History, Human Geography, Social Work, Social Care, Sociology, Political Science, Tourism or Environmental Studies 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 cr 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 cr including a degree project 15 ECTS cr.

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

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 social change,
- give an account of the links of local development to global trends and changes in modern time,
- 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

The course Glocal relations centres on how different phenomena such as individualisation, risks and social injustice can be related to globalisation processes. An important component is to problematise the interdependence between global and local processes. The course discusses events in individual lives and links them to global trends and social change. The social consequences of globalisation in modern times are treated.

Instruction is in the form of lectures, individual study and seminars.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on active participation in seminars and an individual written assignment.

Grades

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (F) 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 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 and Master 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.