



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 April 2010, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2010 at Karlstad University.

**Course Code:** SOAD10

**Sociological Theories, 7.5 ECTS Credits**

**(Sociologiska teorier, 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

**Prerequisites**

Sociology I-III 90 ECTS or including degree project of 15 ECTS or or equivalent plus upper secondary level Swedish B/ Swedish 2 B and English A.

**Major Field of Study**

SOA (Sociology)

**Learning Outcomes**

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

- identify central issues in sociology and argue for the choice with a high degree of independence,
- explain the development of and research traditions in sociology,
- critically review other people's work in a wide theoretical context with a high degree of independence,
- search for knowledge, present knowledge surveys and research situation in a relevant area with a high degree of independence,
- actively participate in and contribute qualified views to relevant sociological discussions,
- demonstrate knowledge of the role, potential and limits of sociology.

**Content and Form of Instruction**

Instruction is in the form of lectures, application exercises and seminars.

The course centres on a selection of current, theoretical works and a selection of research publications. Students are expected to actively pursue knowledge of the importance of sociology to society and to participate in research seminars.

**Reading List**

See separate document.

**Examination**

Assessment is based on a submitted written paper, discussed at a seminar.

### Grades

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course. For a Pass grade, students must complete all the examination components and meet the learning outcomes required. For a grade of Distinction, students must, in addition, demonstrate special theoretical awareness and special analytical ability.

### 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 overlaps to some degree with the course SOAD01.

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.

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