



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 Spring semester of 2011 at Karlstad University.

**Course Code:** SOAD30

**Sociology IV, Essay, 15 ECTS Credits**

**(Sociologi IV, Examensarbete, 15 Swedish credit points)**

**Degree Level:** Master

**Progressive Specialisation:** A1E (Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (60 credits))

### **Language of Instruction**

Swedish

### **Prerequisites**

Sociology I-III 90 ECTS cr including degree project of 15 ECTS cr and 15 ECTS credits in Sociology at Master's level including methodology and method or equivalent, 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:

- define, design and complete a research task with theoretical relevance to the field and the chosen problem with a high degree of independence,
- independently author and defend an academic degree project that contributes to the field,
- constructively assess and discuss the work of a fellow-student.

### **Content and Form of Instruction**

Instruction is in the form of supervision and seminars. The essay is discussed and defended at a seminar and the respondent also functions as the opponent to the work of a fellow-student.

In writing the essay, students develop their ability to use sociological theories and methods to analyse a chosen problem.

### **Reading List**

See separate document.

### **Examination**

Assessment is based on a submitted independent project (essay), discussed and defended at a seminar and on the student's performance as the opponent to the work of a fellow-student.

### 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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