



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Sociology
Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Arts and Social Sciences on 25 August 2014, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2014 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: SOAE30

Sociology V, Essay, 15.0 ECTS Credits

(Sociologi V Examensarbete, 15.0 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Master

Progressive Specialisation: A2E (Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits))

Language of Instruction

Swedish

Prerequisites

SOGA01 Sociology I 30 ECTS cr, SOGB01 Sociology II 30 ECTS cr, SOGC01 Sociology III 30 ECTS cr, SOAD30 Sociology IV, Degree project 15 ECTS cr and a further 15 ECTS cr in sociology at the A1N level or higher including methodology and methods, and 15 ECTS cr at the A1F level or higher including methods in social science or equivalent.

Upper Secondary School Swedish 3 or B or Swedish as a Second Language 3 or B and English 6 or A.

Major Field of Study

SOA (Sociology)

Learning Outcomes

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

- design, design and carry out a research task independently that is relevant to theory in the area and the chosen problem,
- reflect on the ethical issues of the research process,
- evaluate theoretical and methodological knowledge in sociology,
- explain and discuss current analytical and methodological issues in national and international sociology,
- describe processes, results and analyses and discuss results in writing,
- author and defend scholarly works independently,
- review scholarly works constructively.

Content and Form of Instruction

Students develop their ability to use sociological theories and methods to analyse a chosen problem in a thesis.

Instruction is in the form of supervision and seminars. The thesis is discussed and defended in a seminar. Students are also required to serve as peer reviewer.

Supervision is only offered for the course duration. Re-registered students are offered supervision if circumstances permit.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Learning outcomes are assessed on the basis of the thesis presented and defended in a mandatory seminar, and on students' performance as peer reviewer.

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 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 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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