



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 March 2014, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2014 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: SOAE60

Organizing, interaction and society, 7.5 ECTS Credits
(Organisering, interaktion och samhälle, 7.5 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Master

Progressive Specialisation: A1F (Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements)

Language of Instruction

Swedish

Prerequisites

120 ECTS credits including at least 30 ECTS cr at Master's level in a social science or behavioural subject. Upper secondary school level 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:

- demonstrate how the theoretical perspectives of George Simmel and the successors (Birgitta Nedelmann, John Scott) can be used to analyse different types of organisation,
- identify and explain how the methods developed by William Foot Whyte, Rosabeth Moss Kanter och Robert Jackall can be used to analyse informal organising in different types of organisations,
- apply the theoretical perspectives treated in the course to empirical examples,
- critically evaluate how the theoretical perspectives can be further developed/challenged for the purpose of finding relevant tools to study organising in different situations.

Content and Form of Instruction

The Simmelean perspective on organising is presented. For the purpose of making empirical connections to the theoretical frames, three central sociological field studies are studied: Foot Whyte's, Street Corner Society, Moss Kanter's Men and Women of the Corporation and Jackall's Moral Maze: The world of corporate managers. The point is to show how Simmel's theories can be used in different empirical fields. Students find their own examples and apply sociological organisation theory.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on an individual hand-in assignments presented and discussed at a seminar and on their discussions of peer assignments.

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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