



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: SOGA30

Social Psychology I, 30.0 ECTS Credits
(Socialpsykologi I, 30.0 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Bachelor

Progressive Specialisation: G1N (First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements)

Language of Instruction

Swedish

Prerequisites

General admission requirements

Major Field of Study

SOA (Sociology)

Learning Outcomes

The course is divided into four modules.

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

Module 1: What is Social Psychology?

- describe the significance of the process of socialisation for identity creation
- identify and explain basic concepts, theories and central problem areas
- give an account of the limits of normality and its consequences

Module 2: Social Interaction and Strategies

- give an account of central concepts and theories dealing with strategies and forms of interaction in everyday situations
- apply the concept social competence to the interpretation and analysis of everyday situations

Module 3: Understanding Social Interaction

- give an account of central concepts and theories for understanding human interaction,
- use different theories in order to understand human interaction

Module 4 Investigating Social Interaction

- use basic theory of science argumentation,
- use different data collection methods,
- plan and carry out a limited study,
- present the result and analysis orally and in writing,

- describe important ethical research guidelines.

Content and Form of Instruction

Students acquire instruments to understand humans as group and social beings. The course also lays the foundation for further studies in social psychology.

Instruction is in the form of lectures, group assignments, and independent projects.

The course consists of the following modules:

Module 1: What is Social Psychology? 7.5 ECTS Credits

The module introduces basic concepts and theories of social psychology with a focus on identity and socialisation.

Module 2: Social Interaction and Strategies, 7.5 ECTS Credits

The module covers theories of the ways in which people form perceptions in interaction with others. The module illustrates how individuals adopt and use different forms of expression, norms, values, and language in their daily interaction with, for instance, family, school, and workplace.

Module 3: Understanding Social Interaction, 7.5 ECTS Credits

The module introduces various social psychological research areas, for example, emotions, organization, gender, class and ethnicity, as well as social psychological methods for empirical studies. Students carry out a limited application project.

Module 4: Investigating Social Interaction

Different social psychology methods to carry out empirical studies are presented. Students carry out a limited application project.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on written tests, presentation of studies individually or in groups, and projects related to the contents of the course.

Grades

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course and modules. The grade of Distinction is awarded to students who have earned a grade of Distinction for a total of 22.5 ECTS course credits.

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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