



Faculty of Social and Life Sciences
Sociology
Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Social and Life Sciences on 18 February 2009, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2009 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: SOGA40

The Sociological Context of Spatial Social Planning, 7.5 ECTS Credits
(**Samhällsplanerarens sociologiska kontext, 7.5 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

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

- demonstrate knowledge of the human being as a group and social being and how this knowledge affects the practice of socio-spatial planning,
- basic understanding of social structures and their importance to groups and individuals in society,
- basic knowledge of inclusion and exclusion processes in society and how these can be understood in a socio-spatial planning perspective.

Content and Form of Instruction

Sociological and socio-psychological theories on the relation between the individual, groups and society are treated. Special attention is given to understanding the human being in a social context, as a group and social being, and its impact on the socio-spatial planning practice.

A central theme is the cultural and social determination of human action. The possible effects of social structures (e.g. class, ethnicity and gender) on individual options and their effects are discussed and problematised in terms of people in general and community planners in particular.

The course also deals with the issue of understanding contemporary society in terms of integration and inclusion, on the one hand, and segregation and exclusion on the other.

Instruction is in the form of lectures, seminars and group discussions.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on:

- written individual or group reports
- active participation in seminars.

Grades

One of the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) , or Distinction (VG) 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.

Required course for the socio-spatial planning programme.

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