



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Sociology

Syllabus

The Sociological Context of Spatial Social Planning

Course Code:	SOGA40
Course Title:	The Sociological Context of Spatial Social Planning <i>Samhällsplanerarens sociologiska kontext</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements (G1N)

Major Field of Study:
SOA (Sociology)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2017-03-13, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2017 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

- give an account of the human being as a gregarious social being and how this knowledge affects the practice of socio-spatial planning,
- give an account of social structures and their importance to groups and individuals in society,
- give an account of basic knowledge of inclusion and exclusion processes in society and how these can be understood in a socio-spatial planning perspective, and
- conduct a basic qualitative data collection.

Content

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 gregarious 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. Students apply some qualitative data collection methods.

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 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 evaluation is partly based on student views and experiences obtained in accordance with current regulations and partly on other data and documentation. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of any measures to be taken.

Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

Additional information

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor and Master levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.

Required course for the Spatial and Social Planning programme.