



Faculty of Social and Life Sciences

Sociology

Syllabus

### **Course Approval**

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Social and Life Sciences on 7 June 2011 , and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2011 at Karlstad University.

**Course Code:** SOGB01

**Sociology II, 30 ECTS Credits**

**(Sociologi II, 30 Swedish credit points)**

**Degree Level:** Bachelor

**Progressive Specialisation:** G1E (First cycle, contains specially designed degree project for Higher Education Diploma)

### **Language of Instruction**

The language of instruction is mainly Swedish.

### **Prerequisites**

Sociology I 30 ECTS cr (22.5 cr completed), or equivalent

### **Major Field of Study**

SOA (Sociology)

### **Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of the course students should be able to

- demonstrate knowledge of central sociological concepts, theories and problem areas and the ability to compare and use the knowledge with an emphasis on classical and modern theory and categorisation, normality and power
- demonstrate knowledge of quantitative and qualitative sociological methodological application
- carry out a small-scale sociological study

### **Content and Form of Instruction**

This course covers both classical and modern sociological theory. The students develop their knowledge of research methods and demonstrate their skills in an academic text. Instruction is in the form of lectures/lessons, seminars and practical exercises. Students will be assigned a supervisor to advise them during their projects.

The course consists of four modules.

#### **MODULE 1: Classical and Modern Theories, 7.5 credits**

Both modern and classical sociological theories and traditions are dealt with. The influence of the classics on modern theories is exemplified and the contemporary relevance problematised.

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

- discuss and deal with various sociological issues in terms of different sociological perspectives and theories
- identify the main features of classical and modern theories and explain how these are related

## MODULE 2: Categorisation, Normality and Power, 7.5 credits

The module centres on society and social processes, primarily from a gender, ethnicity and class perspective. The construction of categories, normality and deviation is treated along with the aspects of power embedded in such constructions.

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

- give an account of and discuss sociological theory on normality and deviation
- discuss and describe sociological perspectives on the construction of social categories and the power asymmetries involved

## MODULE 3: Research Methods, 7.5 credits

The students develop and deepen their knowledge of both quantitative and qualitative sociological research methods. A small number of interviews, coding, comparison, and classification of qualitative data are carried out by the students. Students collect data through various methods, such as surveys or observations. The module also covers bivariate and multivariate analysis of quantitative data.

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

- use search tools, such as data bases, to illustrate sociological problems
- process and perform simple analysis of quantitative and qualitative data and give an account of basic research ethical principles.

## MODULE 4: Project, 7.5 credits

The students carry out a small-scale sociological study.

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

- write a short essay on a delimited sociological problem area
- discuss and defend their essay at a seminar, serve as the discussant of a fellow-student's essay, and make a research ethical assessment

## Reading List

See separate document.

## Examination

Examination is in the form of written tests and seminar performance.

## Grades

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course and the modules. A course grade of Distinction is awarded to students who have earned the grade of Distinction for modules totalling 22.5 ECTS 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 course SOGB01 cannot be included in the same degree programme as the course XSO438.

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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