



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Sociology

Syllabus

Sociology II

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| Course Code: | SOGB01 |
| Course Title: | Sociology II <i>Sociologi II</i> |
| Credits: | 30 |
| Degree Level: | Undergraduate level |
| Progressive Specialisation: | First cycle, contains specially designed degree project for Higher Education Diploma (G1E) |

Major Field of Study:
SOA (Sociology)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2017-03-14, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2017 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

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

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

Module 1 Categorisation, normality and power

- 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 between them,

Module 2 Sociological theory and social change

- identify, give an account of and contextualise important concepts in central classic and modern sociological theories on social change,
- use identified concepts in central classic and modern sociologists' theories in basic interpretation,

Module 3 Collecting and processing information about society

- formulating a sociological research problem and develop an investigation design,
- relate research questions to relevant research ethical guidelines,
- design instruments for data collection based on sociological theory,
- process and analyse qualitative and quantitative data at a basic level,

Module 4 Project

- formulate aim and problem in a sociological area and carry out an empirical investigation,
- write a minor essay in a delimited sociological problem area,
- discuss and critically review their own and others' research projects, and

- review and assess the ethical aspects of a research project.

Content

The course covers both classic and modern sociological theory. 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 carry out a project under supervision.

The course consists of four modules.

Module 1 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.

Module 2 Sociological theory and social change, 7.5 credits

Students learn to describe classic and modern sociological theorists and the contexts of the intellectual traditions. Students also discuss the influence of the classic sociologists on modern theories and their contemporary relevance.

Module 3 Collecting and processing information about society, 7.5 ECTS cr

The students develop and deepen their knowledge of both quantitative and qualitative sociological research methods. Students design theoretically based instruments for data collection, such as interview guides, and work with coding, comparing, and categorising qualitative data. Collecting data with other methods such as questionnaires and bivariate and multivariate analysis of quantitative data is also treated.

Module 4 Project, 7.5 credits

The students carry out a small-scale sociological study and also critically peer review a fellow-student's project in seminar.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Module 1 Categorisation, normality and power, 7.5 credits

Learning outcomes are assessed on the basis of an individual take-home exam.

Module 2 Sociological theory and social change, 7.5 credits

Learning outcomes are assessed on the basis of an oral presentation in seminar, a hand-in assignment and a written exam.

Module 3 Collecting and processing information about society, 7.5 ECTS cr

Learning outcomes are assessed on the basis of participation in group work and seminars and individual take-home exams.

Module 4 Project, 7.5 credits

Learning outcomes are assessed on the basis of an essay presented and discussed at a mandatory seminar and performance as a reviewer. The number of reassessment opportunities for module 4 is limited to five.

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 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 course SOGB01 cannot be included in the same degree programme as the course XSO438.

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