



Faculty of Social and Life Sciences
Sociology

Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Social and Life Sciences on 27 September 2012, and is valid from the Spring semester of 2013 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: SOGB10

Social Psychology II, 30.0 ECTS Credits

(Socialpsykologi II, 30.0 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Bachelor

Progressive Specialisation: G1F (First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements)

Language of Instruction

Swedish

Prerequisites

Social Psychology I, 1-30 ECTS credits, or equivalent (22.5 ECTS cr. completed)

Major Field of Study

SOA (Sociology)

Learning Outcomes

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

Module 1: Social Psychological Theory: Social Interaction, 7.5 ECTS Credits

- give an account of key interaction theories
- compare and apply key interaction theories to an empirical case

Module 2: Emotions in Organizations, 7.5 ECTS Credits

- use central concepts and theories of emotions in organizations
- apply the knowledge in case analysis
- relate the emotion perspective to working life

Module 3: Method, 7.5 ECTS Credits

- apply central theory of science arguments
- apply different social psychological research methods
- relate research questions to choice of method and relevant research ethical guidelines
- collect and process qualitative and quantitative data

Module 4: Independent Project, 7.5 ECTS Credits

- plan and complete a limited social psychological study
- collect, process, and analyze empirical material
- produce an academic text and be able to defend it

Content and Form of Instruction

Students develop their understanding of humans as group and social beings. The course also prepares for further studies in social psychology.

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

Module 1: Social Psychological Theory: Social Interaction, 7.5 ECTS Credits

The module provides knowledge of the theory of social interaction and rituals, and further develops the understanding and interpretation of complex everyday social interaction.

Module 2: Emotions in Organizations, 7.5 ECTS Credits

The module deals with advanced knowledge of emotions in organizations and companies with a special focus on emotions in hierarchical and "flexible" organizations, emotions and power, management strategies, and organizational change.

Module 3: Method, 7.5 ECTS Credits

Students develop and deepen their knowledge of social psychological methodology. Both quantitative and qualitative methods are covered. Through practical assignments, the students learn to identify the advantages and disadvantages of different methods of data gathering, as well as their correspondence with different objectives and problem formulations.

Module 4: Independent Project, 7.5 ECTS Credits

Students carry out a limited social psychological study related to a social psychological problem. The study is presented in writing and is discussed at a seminar.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on individually written and take-home exams, project assignment, presentation of assignments individually or in groups, laboratory sessions and seminars

Grades

One of the grades Fail (U), Pass (G), or Distinction (VG) is awarded in the examination of the course and modules.

A course grade of Distinction is awarded to students who have earned the grade of Distinction for modules totalling 22.5 ECTS credits. Assessment criteria for the grade of Distinction are specified in the study guide.

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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