



Faculty of Arts and Social Science
Sociology

Syllabus

Modern social theories on social change

Course Code: SOGN02

Course Title: Modern social theories on social change
Moderna sociologiska teorier om social förändring

Credits: 7.5

Degree Level: Undergraduate level

Progressive Specialisation: First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (G2F)

Major Field of Study:

SOA (Sociology)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Science 2016-08-30, and is valid from the Spring semester 2017 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

Either Sociology I plus Sociology II or equivalent, or Social Psychology I plus Social Psychology II or equivalent.

Learning Outcomes

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

- give an account of various social analytical and social theoretical perspectives on social change, and state their similarities and differences,
- identify sociological areas of study pertaining to social change, and apply social analytical perspectives on one of these, and
- state what the analytical consequences may be of taking various social theoretical perspectives.

Content

The course provides an in-depth account of modern sociological theory on the basis of issues such as the consequences of globalization and individualization. The course also provides an in-depth account of contested or promising theories in current research.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on an individual take-home exam and on individual participation in group work including preparation and oral presentation of assignments in mandatory seminars.

Grades

One of the grades Pass with 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.

The course SOGN02 cannot be included in the same degree programme (Social Analysis and Organizing) as Sociology III or Independent Specialisation (SOG100).