



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Political Science

Syllabus

Feminist Perspectives on Politics

Course Code:	SVAM03
Course Title:	Feminist Perspectives on Politics <i>Feministiska perspektiv på politik</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Master's level
Progressive Specialisation:	Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (A1N)

Major Field of Study:
SKA (Political Science)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2019-09-10, and is valid from the Spring semester 2020 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements for second-cycle studies in a Social Science subject, including a degree project equivalent to 15 ECTS credits, plus upper secondary level Swedish 3/B or Swedish as a Second Language 3/B and English 6/A, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

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

- give an account of key aspects of feminist science critique and feminist political theory,
- problematise central concepts of political science in terms of different feminist perspectives, and
- give an account of and critically reflect upon national and international politics from feminist perspectives.

Content

The course introduces different feminist science critique perspectives and key concepts of feminist political theory, including the significance of ethnicity, class, and sexuality for feminist analysis. On the basis of these perspectives, the course treats feminist critique of central concepts of political science such as democracy, power, citizenship, and politics, as well as the consequences for thinking about and studying politics. There is a special focus on feminist analyses of public policy and administration as well as international relations as two examples of political science subject areas. The course concludes with a theory and methods component in which students examine and review a dissertation from Political Science.

Instruction is in the form of lectures and seminars, and some of the seminars are chaired by students.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on individual written assignments and active participation in seminars.

Instruction is in the form of mandatory seminars. Students who are absent from a mandatory seminar must submit a written hand-in assignment to make up for their absence. More information about make-up assignments will be provided when the course begins.

If students have a decision from Karlstad University entitling them to special pedagogical support due to a documented disability, the examiner has the right to give such students an adapted examination or to examine them in a different manner.

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.

SVAM03 cannot be included in the same degree programme as SVADG1.

PLEASE NOTE: The course may be cancelled if the number of admitted students is less than 5 after the second round of admissions.