



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Tourism Studies

Syllabus

Nature and cultural tourism

Course Code:	TVGT12
Course Title:	Nature and cultural tourism <i>Natur- och kulturturism</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements (G1N)

Major Field of Study:
TRU (Tourism Studies)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2017-02-24, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2017 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements

Learning Outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

- give an account of different theories, concepts and perspectives of nature and culture in tourism,
- give an account of how nature tourism and cultural tourism are used as resources in tourism,
- give an account of the emergence of nature and cultural tourism and outdoor recreation,
- give examples of the economic, social, cultural and environmental effects of tourism,
- give an account of the basic principles of sustainable tourism and eco tourism.

Competence and skills

- identify and analyse nature and cultural applications of tourism.

Judgement and approach

- explore ethical and societal aspects of nature and cultural tourism, and
- assess different aspects of the preservation and management of natural and cultural resources.

Content

The course provides perspectives on nature and culture tourism with a focus on the theories and concepts of nature and culture and the requirements for nature and culture tourism productions. The preservation and management of nature and cultural environments, cultural heritage and ecotourism are treated. The history of outdoor recreation is linked to the emergence of environmental commitment and contemporary importance to the development of tourism. Students develop skills in identifying, collecting information and giving accounts of applications of nature and cultural tourism through

academic methods and writing. Ethical and societal aspects of tourism development with a focus on economic, social, cultural and environmental effects are treated. Mandatory study visits to actors involved in nature and cultural tourism are included. Students are expected to meet any costs incurred for board and lodging.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on a written exam, participation in mandatory literature seminars and study visits and a written and oral group assignment.

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.