

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL SCIENCES

GS1301 Gender Studies, Advanced Course, First Level, 30 credits

Genusvetenskap, fördjupningskurs, 30 högskolepoäng First Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Cultural Sciences on 2016-06-27 and was last revised on 2018-06-11 to be valid from 2018-08-01, autumn semester of 2018.

Field of education: Arts 100%

Department: Department of Cultural Sciences

Position in the educational system

The course is given as a freestanding course in the first cycle. The course is included in a Bachelor's Degree in Gender studies.

Main field of studies Specialization

Gender Studies G2E, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in

first-cycle course/s as entry requirements,

contains degree project for BA/BSc

Entry requirements

For admission to the course, requires passed result from the Introductory Course and the Intermediate Course in Gender studies, or the equivalent.

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

On successful completion of the course the student is expected to be able to:

• in an in-depth way give an account of and critically review Gender studies epistemology and theory.

Competence and skills

- convert and reflect on different theories and methodologies in preparation of a method or methods for an academic paper.
- apply and reflect on concepts central to Gender studies.
- plan and carry out a scientific thesis work that implements Gender studies theory, methodology and method.
- communicate their research both orally and in writing.

Judgement and approach

- distinguish between different Gender studies fields of knowledge and relate other fields to a chosen Gender theories field of knowledge field.
- demonstrate an understanding of the role knowledge plays in society and whether humans are responsible for how it is used
- critically review an academic paper.

Course content

The course intends to give students an insight into what it implies to carry out Gender studies research. The aim is to make it possible for the students to employ Gender studies epistemology, methodology and scientific critique to create their base for scientific research. The course also intends to further students knowledge of theoretical concepts central to Gender studies and to give an understanding of different scientific research methods. The students will turn their knowledge into an academic paper. The course consists of three modules that are assessed separately.

Sub-courses

- 1. Theory and Methodology (Delkurs 1 Teori och metododologi), 7.5 credits Grading scale: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U) The course provides in-depth knowledge of Gender studies theory and methodology before students start working on their academic thesis in module 3. Feminist theory of knowledge, epistemology and methodology are discussed further. Central concepts are discussed, placed and are further discussed.
- **2. (Optional readings** (*Delkurs 2 Läskurs*), 7.5 credits Grading scale: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U) This course is problem-based and covers several different fields of knowledge in the subject as well as different research method approaches. The course can take different both as a self-study course or as several seminars on the literature in the reading list. The literature is chosen in consultation with the course coordinator and/or the thesis supervisor and will be focused on the thesis project.

3. Independent studies (Delkurs 3 Självständigt arbete), 15 credits Grading scale: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U) The students are given the possibility to deepen their knowledge from earlier by applying Gender theories in writing and examine theoretical issues related to Gender studies. Thesis writing is taught in the form of individual tutoring and group sessions during the term when the student began the course. The course is completed with thesis seminars and with a critical review assignment.

Form of teaching

Module 1 and 2 is taught mainly in the form of lectures, workshops and assessing seminars. Module 3 is taught through seminars, workshops and individual tutoring.

Language of instruction: Swedish and English

Assessment

Module 1 and 2 will be assessed in writing with a take-home exam, and orally at assessing seminars. Module 3 is assessed in writing by an academic thesis, an oral defence of their thesis as well as with a critical review of a thesis written by another student. A student who has failed a test twice has the right to change examiner, unless weighty argument can be adduced. The request must be made in writing to the Department of Cultural Sciences.

Grades

The grading scale comprises: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U). The requirement for a 'Pass with distinction' grade on the entire advanced course is obtaining the grade 'Pass with distinction' on at least 75% of the course credits.

Course evaluation

The students' views are collected systematically and regularly during the course, and the results of evaluations in their different forms can be used when improving the course.

Additional information

Equality aspects should be taken into account in the course content, literature, teaching and evaluation. Also, the course should, to the extent that it is relevant sensitise about and problematise ecological, economic, cultural and socially sustainable development.

Courses in Gender studies may not be included in a degree together with Women's studies at the same educational level.