



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY AND SOCIETY

KGA121 Globalization, urbanisation and unequal development, 7.5 credits

Globalisering, urbanisering och ojämlik utveckling, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Economy and Society on 2020-01-15 and was last revised on 2020-06-03 to be valid from 2020-08-31, autumn semester of 2020.

Field of education: Social Sciences 100%

Department: Department of Economy and Society

Position in the educational system

The course is a single subject course and can be included as an elective course within the Master's Programme in Geography (N2GEO).

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Main field of studies

Human and Economic Geography

Specialization

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Entry requirements

A Bachelor's degree (180 hec) from an internationally recognized university in Human geography, Geography, Development Studies, Global Studies or equivalent, including a thesis of minimum 10 hec. Applicants must prove their knowledge of English: English 6/English B from Swedish Upper Secondary School or the equivalent level of an internationally recognized test, for example TOEFL, IELTS.

Learning outcomes

After completed course, the students should be capable of

Knowledge and understanding

1. explaining complex relationships between globalisation, development and urban environments
2. explaining conflicting aims between social, economic and environmental sustainability from a north-south perspective

Competence and skills

3. independently discuss and analyse complex relationships between globalisation, development, and urban environments, orally and in writing

Judgement and approach

4. problematise and reflect about the concepts of globalisation and development

The course is sustainability-related, which means that at least one of the learning outcomes clearly shows that the course content meets at least one of the University of Gothenburg's confirmed sustainability criteria.

Course content

The course provides indepth knowledge of the complexity that relations between globalisation, development and urban environments involve from a north-south perspective.

A red thread running through the course regards processes (at different levels of scale) behind an uneven development within cities, between cities, and between urban and rural areas, as well as the consequences of this for people's formal and informal livelihood strategies and resource use. Gender aspects are in focus throughout the course.

Form of teaching

Forms of teaching are seminars and lectures.

Language of instruction: English

Assessment

The course is assessed through written assignments as well as participation and oral presentations at compulsory seminars. Students who fail to participate in compulsory learning activities will have to hand in written compensatory exercises.

If a student, who has failed the same examined element on two occasions, wishes to change examiner before the next examination session, such a request is to be submitted to the department in writing and granted unless there are special reasons to the contrary (Chapter 6, Section 22 of Higher Education Ordinance).

In the event that a course has ceased or undergone major changes, students are to be guaranteed at least three examination sessions (including the ordinary examination session) over a period of at least one year, though at most two years after the course has ceased/been changed. The same applies to work experience and VFU, although this is restricted to just one additional examination session.

Grades

The grading scale comprises: Excellent (A), Very good (B), Good (C), Satisfactory (D), Sufficient (E) and Fail (F).

The course grade derives from seminar papers and oral presentations. To obtain pass on the course (A-E), the student needs to attend all compulsory seminars, and obtain pass on all seminar papers as well as the group exercise. The grade on the course is based on the result on the different examinations and is set in relation to a predetermined grading scale.

Course evaluation

The course will be evaluated after completion. The results of and possible changes to the course will be shared with students who participated in the evaluation and students who are starting the course.

Additional information

The course uses a virtual learning platform for digital communication between teachers and course participants. Therefore access to a computer and Internet is required.

The course may not be included in a degree together with the course KGA112.