



## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY AND SOCIETY

### **KGG104 Global economy and local development, 7.5 credits**

Global ekonomi och lokal utveckling, 7,5 högskolepoäng

*First Cycle*

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#### **Confirmation**

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Economy and Society on 2020-01-15 and was last revised on 2022-05-24 to be valid from 2022-08-29, autumn semester of 2022.

*Field of education:* Social Sciences 100%

*Department:* Department of Economy and Society

#### **Position in the educational system**

The course is a basic course in human geography. It can be taken as an independent course and is also included in the Bachelor programme in economic history and human geography and as an optional profiling in the Social sciences environmental studies programme.

The course can be part of the following programmes: 1) Program in Environmental Social Science (S1SMI) and 2) Bachelor Programme in Economic History and Human Geography (S1SAP)

#### *Main field of studies*

Human and Economic Geography

#### *Specialization*

G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

#### **Entry requirements**

General entrance requirements.

#### **Learning outcomes**

After completion of the course, the student should be able to:

*Knowledge and understanding*

1. Give an account of globalisation processes by means of basic economic-geographic concepts.

*Competence and skills*

2. Use concepts and theoretical arguments from the reading list in mapping and analysis of concrete current society issues. Especially with a focus on resource allocation problems, international production and consumption systems and global trade patterns.

*Judgement and approach*

3. Give an account of and critically review geographic aspects of economic development on different scale levels from the global to the local.

The course is sustainability-focused, 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. The content also constitutes the course's main focus.

### **Course content**

The course introduces economics as key concept to problematise geographic distribution of resources, prosperity and consumption. The focus is on how economic relationships connects scale levels, from the global to the local, in different parts of the world. In the course, social change on the basis of sectoral categories is treated such as agriculture, industry and services. Particularly, questions around global production networks and the connection to regional and local development are noticed.

### **Form of teaching**

The teaching consists of lectures, group work, seminars and a field trip.

*Language of instruction:* Swedish

A certain part of the teaching can be in English. A large part of the literature is in English.

### **Assessment**

The intended learning outcomes are assessed through written examination and written report. For examination via written reports, submission and where appropriate compulsory attendance at seminars are required. A student who does not submit written reports in the mandatory time or has not been present at compulsory components, must carry out supplementary assignments to pass the course.

If a student who has failed the same examined component twice wishes to change

examiner before the next examination, a written application shall be sent to the department responsible for the course and shall be granted unless there are special reasons to the contrary (Chapter 6, Section 22 of Higher Education Ordinance).

If a course has been discontinued or has undergone major changes, the student shall normally be guaranteed at least three examination sessions (including the regular examination session) during a period of at least one year on the basis of the course's former structure.

**Grades**

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

To receive a Pass grade (A-E) in the course, attendance on compulsory components and a passed result in all assessing components are required. The grade in the course as a whole is based on, apart from passed group work, the student's result in written examination and are put in relation to established grading scale.

**Course evaluation**

Course evaluation is carried out at the end of the course. Evaluation results and any changes in the course structure should be communicated to both the students who completed the evaluation and to the students who will start the course.

**Additional information**

The equality aspect is observed in contents, literature and evaluation. International relations are observed in contents and literature.

In the course, a digital virtual learning environment is used. Therefore, access to a computer and internet is required.

The course may not be included in a degree together with the course KGG101 or KGG2EP.