



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY AND SOCIETY

KGG106 Population trends and urbanization, 7.5 credits

Befolkningsutveckling och urbanisering, 7,5 högskolepoäng

First Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Economy and Society on 2021-05-27 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

On successful completion of the course the student will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

1. demonstrate basic understanding of the spatial organisation of the society on the basis of physical, economic and social processes, especially with a focus on population changes and urbanisation.

Competence and skills

2. analyse ongoing population changes and urban phenomena and processes - on different scale levels - by means of geographic concepts and theories.

Judgement and approach

3. problematise and evaluate current population geographical and urban processes that are noticeable in today's society - on different scale levels.

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 gives an introduction to population geography and urbanisation with focus partly on population trend and current population questions, and partly on urbanisation processes and the functions and current challenges of the city connected to the urbanisation. The course focuses human role and movements, and discuss important concepts such as urbanisation, migration and segregation. Been radical for the whole module that it lifts aspects on different scales from local and regional examples to national and global trends. The course connects to questions that concern sustainable development and the UN's Agenda 2030.

Form of teaching

Forms for teaching are lectures, group assignment, supervision and seminars. Through the group assignments, the theoretical knowledge is united with a practical reality.

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 a written examination and a written and oral group presentation and active attendance in compulsory components.

A student who has failed the same examination twice by the same examiner has the right to change the examiner. The student shall submit a written request to the Department. The request shall be granted unless there are special reasons to the contrary (Chapter 6, Section 22 of Higher Education Ordinance).

A student with a recommendation for special educational support from the University of Gothenburg may receive an adapted examination or alternative examination form provided that the examiner decides it is compatible with the course objectives and it does not require unreasonable resources.

In the case where a course has been discontinued or has undergone major changes, a student shall be guaranteed access to at least three examination sessions (including the regular examination session) during a period of at least one year, but at the most two years after the course has been discontinued/changed. The same applies for internships and on-the-job trainings, but with a restriction to only one additional examination session.

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 in compulsory components and a passed result is required on both examination and on group work and written assignments. The grade in the course as a whole is combined by the result in the assessing components and is 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.