



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY AND SOCIETY

KGG211 Environment and physical planning, 7.5 credits

Miljö- och fysisk planering, 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 2023-11-08 to be valid from 2025-01-20, spring semester of 2025.

Field of education: Social Sciences 100%

Department: Department of Economy and Society

Position in the educational system

The course is given both as a freestanding course and in programme. The course is a compulsory course on Bachelor Programme in Economic History and Human Geography (S1SAP), Program in Environmental Social Science (S1SMI) for they that choose specialisation in human geography within the their programme studies. The course is an advanced course in human geography and is compulsory for a Bachelor's degree.

Main field of studies

Human and Economic Geography

Specialization

G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Entry requirements

Admission to the course requires at least 22,5 credits human geography or an equivalent discipline.

Learning outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

1. Show basic understanding of the society spatial organisation on the basis of physical, economic and social processes.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the aim of the society for sustainable development and the goal conflicts and interest balances that this perspective means above all in relation to physical planning and in environmental issues.

Competence and skills

3. Apply different geographic methods in the field and give an account of the importance to make fieldwork.
4. Search, choose and analyse relevant literature (literature search).

Judgement and approach

5. Critically evaluate the importance of physical planning to handle environmental problems and questions that concern economising of soil and water.

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 covers physical planning with connection to environmental issues out a geographic perspective. Both flows of subjects that use no of soil and water be treated. The focus is on the work of the society with and perspective on physical planning and resource management with a focus on environmental work at different levels. Methods for physical planning and environment planning are tested through active fieldwork. The course includes practical exercises that connect complex issues with current social problems and challenges.

Form of teaching

The teaching consists of lectures, exercises and seminars.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Assessment

The intended learning outcomes are assessed through written examination and an exercise. The exercise part is assessed in several parts: participation in field studies, written report and oral presentation.

The student who does not submit written reports in mandatory time or not been present at compulsory components must make supplementary assignments to pass the course.

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 on compulsory components and a passed result in all assessing components is required. The grade in the course as a whole is combined by the result in the assessing components in relation to established grading scale.

Course evaluation

At the end of the course, a course evaluation is carried out. Evaluation results and any changes in the course structure should be communicated to both the students who participated in the evaluation and to the students who will start the course.

Additional information

In the course, a virtual learning platform for digital communication between teachers and course participants and between course participants 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

KGG1EP.