



DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

PX1109 Environmental Psychology: Human environment interaction, 15 credits

Miljöpsykologi: Interaktion mellan människa och miljö - en introduktion, 15 högskolepoäng

First Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Psychology on 2015-09-23 and was last revised on 2016-06-15 to be valid from 2016-08-29, autumn semester of 2017.

Field of education: Social Sciences 100%

Department: Department of Psychology

Other participating department

Department of Psychology

Position in the educational system

Passing grade on semester 1 and semester 2 on the Environmental Social Science program at University of Gothenburg.

The course can be part of the following programmes: 1) Program in Environmental Social Science (S1SML), 2) Programme in Environmental Social Science (SMILM) and 3) Program in Environmental Social Science (S1SMI)

Main field of studies

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Specialization

G2F, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Entry requirements

Only students who are admitted to the Environmental Social Science program at University of Gothenburg have access to this course.

Learning outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

- explain basic theories in social and environmental psychology
- describe how relevant psychological theories can contribute to insight about human behaviour in relation to the environment
- outline basic psychological theories and current research findings regarding how people are influenced by the surrounding environment

Judgement and approach

- explain and discuss, both orally and in writing, sustainable development and problems in environmental psychology
- explain and discuss, both orally and in writing, how people are influenced psychologically by the surrounding environment

Course content

The course provides basic knowledge about the interaction between people and the surrounding environment; the importance of psychological factors for decision making in environment related situations (e.g., regarding transport or energy); as well as the psychological effect of the surrounding environment (e.g., buildings or natural environments). The course covers the nature of environmental problems from a psychological perspective, and how human behaviour can be influenced by attitudes, motivations and habits. The course also covers the psychological influence of the surrounding environment in relation to stress, recovery and well being.

Form of teaching

Teaching will take place in the form of lectures, exercises and seminars.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Assessment

All teaching and course content can be used as the basis for examination. Examination will take place in the form of a written exam, worth 15 hp. Participation in exercises and seminars is obligatory. Arrangements to compensate for absence are made according to the course coordinator's instructions.

A student who has taken two examinations in a course or a part of a course without

obtaining a pass grade is entitled to the nomination of another examiner, unless there are special reasons to the contrary (HF 6 chap. 22§). Such a request should be made in writing to the department responsible for the course. In the event that the course content/literature is changed, in normal circumstances the student should be guaranteed at least three examination opportunities (including the ordinary examination opportunity). Examination can take place according to this course syllabus within one year after changes are made. Thereafter each individual case is examined to assess whether examination can take place according to the older course syllabus. If the course ceases completely, the student may be examined within one year after the course was last given. Thereafter each individual case is examined to assess whether examination can take place.

Grades

The grading scale comprises: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U).

To obtain a Pass (G) on the course, the student must: actively participate in the obligatory seminars and exercises, and have at least 60% correct answers on the written exam.

To obtain a Pass with Distinction on the course, the student must: actively participate in the obligatory seminars and exercises, as well having at least 80% correct answers on the written exam.

Course evaluation

The course coordinator is responsible for ensuring that students are given the opportunity to provide an anonymous, written course evaluation at the end of the course. After the course is finished, the course coordinator writes a report, which includes a summary of the course evaluation. The report is processed in the working group for free standing courses and will be communicated to those students who completed the course evaluation, as well as the students who will start the course. These reports will be made available for students.