



INSTITUTIONEN FÖR GLOBALA STUDIER

MU1625 Global Cities, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Global Cities, 7.5 credits

Grundnivå / First Cycle

Fastställande

Kursplanen är fastställd av Samhällsvetenskapliga fakultetsnämnden 2008-05-14 och senast reviderad 2020-05-28 av Institutionen för globala studier. Den reviderade kursplanen gäller från och med 2020-08-31, höstterminen 2020.

Utbildningsområde: Samhällsvetenskapligt 100 %

Ansvarig institution: Institutionen för globala studier

Inplacering

The course Global Cities, 7,5 credits, is given as an additional single subject course.

Huvudområde

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Fördjupning

G1N, Grundnivå, har endast gymnasiala förkunskapskrav

Förkunskapskrav

Grundläggande behörighet

Lärandemål

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

Kunskap och förståelse

- account for key concepts such as ‘the global city’, ‘the world city’, ‘the modern city’, ‘the sustainable city’ and the ‘network city’;
- identify and describe different processes of urban change in terms of history, politics, economy, city planning, culture, geography, sustainable development, social change and/or drivers of urban change;

- explain why global trends are more prevalent and visible in some cities than in others, and provide examples of processes of ‘glocalization’ and ‘urbanization’;

Färdigheter och förmåga

- write shorter academic texts;
- formulate questions relevant to the course literature;
- identify core issues related to ‘the global city’, ‘the world city’, ‘the modern city’, ‘the sustainable city’ and ‘the network city’;

Värderingsförmåga och förhållningssätt

- assess the status of selected cities by applying the concept of ‘the global city’;
- critically examine drivers of urban change.

Kursen är hållbarhetsrelaterad, vilket innebär att minst ett av kursens lärandemål tydligt visar att kursens innehåll uppfyller minst ett av Göteborgs universitets fastställda kriterier för hållbarhetsmärkning.

Innehåll

Today, over half of the world’s population lives in cities and the need for new understandings of urbanization and its related processes in different social and geographical contexts is growing. In the meantime, some old metropolises or ‘world cities’ are being transformed into ‘global cities’. Larger cities are often assumed to be places for political development, sites of artistic and scientific creativity, and/or melting pots of ethnic and cultural diversity. Capital cities or mega-cities are competing to become attractive and dynamic centers of world regions, beyond the national borders.

The course will examine how processes of globalization and modernization relate to social, cultural, economic and political transformations in a selection of cities around the world. The characteristics of the modern city as well as alternative urban development are presented and discussed.

Lectures focus on the history of urbanization, Nordic capitals (Stockholm, Helsinki, Oslo and Copenhagen), Istanbul, Lagos, Jakarta, Hanoi, Tokyo, Mexico City and Brasilia. A number of social science concepts and tools apt for researching cities are presented: The medieval city; the early industrial city; transnational networks; the sustainable city; the modern city are also covered in the lectures. Further, the course explores the interrelationship between globalization and cities by probing into issues like these and by “visiting” cities in different parts of the world.

Former för undervisning

The course is based on lectures.

Undervisningsspråk: engelska

Former för bedömning

The examination of the course is divided in two interrelated elements:

- A PM (Grades: Pass or Fail), 2,5 hp
- A final paper (Grades: Passed with Distinction, Pass or Fail), 5 hp

In the PM, the student presents a brief overview of one particular aspect of a selected global city. The final paper should contain a thorough discussion of relevant literature from the course combined with academic literature or texts on a selected city.

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.

In cases where a course has been discontinued or has undergone major changes, the student shall normally be guaranteed at least three examination occasions (including the ordinary examination) during a period of at least one year from the last time the course was given.

Betyg

På kursen ges något av betygen Väl godkänd (VG), Godkänd (G) och Underkänd (U).

To obtain *Pass* on the entire course the student must have a pass on their PM and a pass on their final paper

To obtain *Pass with Distinction* on the entire course the student must have a pass on their PM and a pass with distinction on their final paper

Kursvärdering

The course coordinator guarantees that the students' points of views are considered regularly and systematically during the course/at the end of the course. This is done by written and verbal evaluation. The results of the evaluation will be communicated to the students and will function as a guide for the development of the course.