

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Space and Society - Theory and Method in Human Geography
Rum och samhälle - teori och metod inom kulturgeografi

15.0 Higher Education
Credits
15.0 ECTS credits

Course code:	KG7225
Valid from:	Autumn 2018
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Department	Department of Human Geography
Main field:	Human Geography
Specialisation:	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus was approved by the board of the Department of Human Geography on 3 March 2017, and revised on 4 March 2012 and 21 February 2018.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
1001	Perspectives, concepts and research areas in Human Geography	9
1002	Methods in Human Geography	6

Course content

This course has the following, separately graded components:

Perspectives, concepts, and research areas in Human Geography, 9 HECs Methods in Human Geography, 6 HECs

The course examines different geographic perspectives, research areas and methods. The course aims to give an overview of perspectives from differing time periods, but emphasises more contemporary theories and methods.

Learning outcomes

After completing the course, the student is expected to be able to:

- Describe and reflect on human geography as an academic discipline in terms of perspectives and theories; research areas and concepts; methodologies and methods.
- Describe and reflect on human geography scholarship.
- Conduct analysis on empirical data.
- Design a research proposal.

Education

All scheduled education is obligatory. In case of absence from obligatory education, opportunity to participate in that education is given next time the course is given. If possible, a substitute assignment could be given, following the decision of the course coordinator.

Obligatory education is introduction, lectures, seminars, exercise and supervision.

Language of the course is English.

Forms of examination

a. The course is examined through control of knowledge of the expected study results. Examination is done by written and oral presentation of assignments. Examination of individual course parts can be found in the study guide for the course. The principles for aggregating the individual examinations are given in the grade criteria.

Examination is in English.

b. Grades are decided according to a goal-related grade-scale with seven levels:

A = Excellent

B = Very Good

C = Good

D = Satisfactory

E = Sufficient

Fx = Fail, some additional work required

F = Fail, much more work required

F and Fx are inadequate grades and in both cases, re-examination is required.

c. The course's grading criteria will be given out at the start of the course.

d. To get a course grade, the grade G (Pass) or at least E is required on all tests.

If special reasons exist, the examiner may, after consultation with the teacher responsible, allow the student to be exempt from the obligation to participate in certain education or fulfilment of obligatory assignment. The student can then be required to do an assignment as compensation.

The course grade is a weighting of the course's exams and is done as follows:

If one or more tests have not been graded or have grades F, Fx or U, course grade is not given.

Passed exams are given a value where A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2 and E = 1. The tests are weighted in relation to the number of HECs and an average is calculated.

Grade A is given if the mean grade is at least 4.5

Grade B is given if the mean grade is at least 3.5 but less than 4.5

Grade C is given if the mean grade is at least 2.5 but less than 3.5

Grade D is given if the mean grade is at least 1.5 but less than 2.5

Grade E is given if the mean grade is at less than 1.5

Transferred part of course is excluded when the course grade is decided.

e. Students who have received an F, Fx or U (fail) on a test have the right to re-do the test up to four times, as long as the course is given, to reach a pass grade. Students who have received an E or higher on a test may not re-do the test to get a higher grade.

Students who have received an F, Fx or U on the same test, twice from the same examiner have the right to request that another examiner grade the test, unless there are specific reasons to deny this request. Requests to change examiner should be put to the Department Board.

f. Opportunity to complete the grade Fx to a pass grade is not given on this course.

Interim

If, in the future, the course is no longer offered, or if the course content has been significantly changed, students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus three times during a three-term period.

However, the stipulations listed under Forms of examination still apply.

Limitations

The course may not be included in a degree together with any other course, the content of which corresponds completely or partially to the content of the course. This applies, for example, to the module: Geographic Perspectives and Methods, 5 p, in the Advanced Course in Human Geography, 20 p (KG4010), and to the courses: Human Geography I, Second Cycle, 30 HECs (KG7211) and History of Geographical Thought, Second Cycle, 15 HECs (KG7201).

Misc

This course is compulsory for the Master's Programme in Human Geography and is an elective course in, among other programmes, the Masters Programme in Urban and Regional Planning.

Course description, including timetable, is available at humangeo.su.se no later than one month before the course starts and study guide with further details are distributed when the course starts.

Required reading

Course literature is listed in an annex and will be posted at humangeo.su.se two month before the start of the

course.