

# Syllabus

for course at advanced level

**Migration and Social Change - a Life Course Perspective**  
**Migration och social förändring - ett livsloppsperspektiv**

**15.0 Higher Education Credits**  
**15.0 ECTS credits**

<b>Course code:</b>	KG7206
<b>Valid from:</b>	Autumn 2018
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<b>Department</b>	Department of Human Geography
<b>Main field:</b>	Human Geography
<b>Specialisation:</b>	AXX - Second cycle, in-depth level of the course cannot be classified

## Decision

This syllabus was approved by the board of Department of Human Geography on 13 June 2007, and revised on 12 June 2009, 8 June 2010, 13 September, 4 March 2014 and 21 February 2018.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor degree incl. 90 HECs in one of the disciplines human geography, business, economic history, geography, economics, urban and regional planning, sociology, demography, statistics, tourism or equal, or 15 HECs from a master programme in human geography, urban and regional planning or globalization, environment and social change.

## Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
1002	Introduction	5
1003	Exercise and specialization with emphasize on methods	10

## Course content

This course analyses migration processes from a lifecourse perspective and provides in-depth knowledge of qualitative, life history methodology and conceptualisation. The course provides insights into the current research situation regarding international migration and how internal and international migration processes are shaped by events in the individual life course. In addition to lectures and seminars, the course includes exercises where you will develop your own ability to analyse individual life courses from a qualitative perspective. This course provides useful perspectives for (future) urban and regional planners, and for analysts who work with either market research and/or contemporary social, environmental and international issues.

## Learning outcomes

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

- Describe and explain central theories and approaches in migration research.
- Collect life stories using qualitative methods and relate them methodologically.
- Conduct an analysis of individual lifecourses from collected material by selecting and comparing different lifecourses, and by linking them to migration theory.

## 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 and exercises.

### **Forms of examination**

a. The course is examined through control of knowledge of the expected study results. Examination is done by home exam, assignments, oral presentation and exercises. 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, reexamination is required.

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

d. To get a course grade, at least a grade 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 or Fx, 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 or Fx on a test have the right to re-do the test up 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 or Fx 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 passed 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.

### **Misc**

This is an elective course in, among other programmes: the Master's Programme in Human Geography, Master's Programme in Urban and Regional Planning, the Master's Programme in Globalization, Environment and Social Change, the Multidisciplinary Master's Programme in Demography, and the Interdisciplinary Course in Demography.

**Required reading**

Course literature is listed in an annex and will be posted at [humangeo.su.se](http://humangeo.su.se) two month before the start of the course.