

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Towards Emancipation: Feminist Theories and Strategies during 200 Years **7.5 Higher Education Credits**
Kampen för frigörelse: feministisk teori och strategi under 200 år **7.5 ECTS credits**

Course code: SV7018
Valid from: Spring 2019
Date of approval: 2007-10-23
Changed: 2018-11-26
Department: Department of Political Science

Main field: Political Science
Specialisation: A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

The syllabus has been decided by the Board of the Department of Political Science, Stockholm University, 2007-10-23. Date of latest revision 2018-12-04.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

A Bachelor of Arts Degree (180 ECTS credit points or the equivalent), with a major in Political Science. English B (Swedish upper secondary school course) or the equivalent.

Course structure

| Examination code | Name | Higher Education Credits |
|------------------|--|--------------------------|
| 7018 | Towards Emancipation: Feminist Theories and Strategies | 7.5 |

Course content

The course aims to discuss and problematize classical and modern feminist political writings, their inherent ideas about liberation and change and the strategies deployed in the texts as well as those proposed by the texts. The course explores how women in different contexts have worked to change and challenge patriarchal structures and how women have theorized the reproduction of patriarchal structures.

The course departs from a number of feminist declarations and manifests, written in different times and contexts. These are read and related to theories about the subjection of women, women's liberation and feminist strategies. The course provide insights into feminist theory, and themes such as the role of love, work, violence, technology and sexuality in ideas about emancipation. Additional themes deal with how to theoretically understand differences between women, and women's political agency.

Learning outcomes

In order to pass the course, students should be able to:

- describe and compare feminist theories and strategies from different epochs and contexts;
- analyze the relation between theory and strategy and to critically assess and discuss both theories and strategies;
- use arguments from the theoretical readings to articulate their own theoretical standpoint, as well as to use theories presented in the readings to analyze political and societal phenomenon.

Education

The course consists of mandatory seminars.

Forms of examination

a. The course is examined by a) active presence at the mandatory seminars; b) written and oral individual and group assignments; c) an individual written take-home exam.

The course is examined in English.

b. Grades will be set according to a seven point scale related to the learning objectives of the course:

A = Excellent

B= Very good

C = Good

D = Satisfactory

E = Adequate

Fx = Inadequate, some more work is required

F = Totally inadequate, a lot more work is required

c. Students will be informed of the written grading criteria as of course start.

d. In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade of E or higher on all examinations, complete all mandatory assignments and meet the attendance requirement.

e. At least two examination opportunities will be offered for each course. Students who receive the grade Fx or F twice by the same examiner are entitled to have another examiner appointed for the next examination, unless there are special reasons to the contrary. Such requests should be made to the Director of Studies. Students who receive the grade E or higher may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade.

f. The completion of a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade on course modules examined on the basis of a take-home exam may be permitted if the student is close to meeting the criteria for a passing grade. The assignment should be submitted within a week of the examiner notifying the student of the need to complete a supplementary assignment. Adequate corrections of flaws related to understanding – minor misunderstandings, minor inaccuracies or too limited arguments – will receive the grade E. Adequate corrections of simple mistakes related to formatting will be graded using the grades A-E. Supplementary assignments are never allowed for written examinations.

Interim

When the syllabus is discontinued or when the content has been significantly modified, students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus once each semester during a transition period of three semesters.

Limitations

This course may not be included in a degree together with a course, taken in Sweden or elsewhere, of identical or partially similar content.

Required reading

The literature list will be posted on <http://www.statsvet.su.se/english/education/courses-andprogrammes/second-level>.

The literature list will be available at least two months before the course starts.