



Linnéuniversitetet

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Kursplan

Fakultetsnämnden för humaniora och samhällsvetenskap
Institutionen för samhällsvetenskaper

ISO142 Intercultural Studies Programme, 30 högskolepoäng
Intercultural Studies Programme, 30 credits

Huvudområde

Sociologi

Ämnesgrupp

Sociologi

Nivå

Grundnivå

Fördjupning

G1N

Fastställande

Fastställd av Organisationskommittén 2009-07-17

Kursplanen gäller från och med vårterminen 2010

Förkunskaper

Grundläggande behörighet.

Förväntade studieresultat

The student is expected to show a basic understanding of theories and research in Sociology and Social Psychology of Culture.

- The student shall acquire a critical insight into the debate on cultural differences and their consequences and be able to give arguments for different point of views.
- The student shall be able to acquire knowledge of concepts and phenomena as: culture, nationalism, ethnicity, multiculturalism, racism, immigration and exile, and be able to use the for concrete analyses.
- The student will also show a fundamental understanding of how intercultural research and theory can be put into practice in an international situation, by, among other things, interculturally mixed working groups working with assignments.
- The student will also acquire direct experiences of working and communicating in intercultural situations.
- Through a larger fieldwork in the Module 3 the students will put all the theoretical concepts and analytical tools to work and thereby show methodological and theoretical skills in concrete intercultural settings.

Innehåll

This course consists of three modules:

Delkurs 1 Culture, Identity and Social conflict 7,5 högskolepoäng

Course one is an introduction to theories and research, within sociology and other

disciplines, on the relationship between culture and society. Central phenomena to be studied are nationalism and ethnicity, which will be related to other phenomena such as globalization and racism.

Delkurs 2 Culture and Interpersonal interaction 7,5 högskolepoäng

Course two is an introduction to theories and research in Social Psychology and Communications on the issue of intercultural interaction. Here, concentration is on the microlevel, with analyses and discussions of relations between groups and individuals. Some important phenomena to be studied are intercultural meetings and misunderstandings, stigmatization and exclusion.

Delkurs 3 Cultural analysis with field work 15 högskolepoäng

Course three is an introduction to and a presentation of cultural analysis methodology, research methods and field research strategies. During course three the students will study and discuss theoretical and practical aspects of field research methods such as participant observation, interviewing, the use of personal documents, etc. Ethical problems, principles and field research practice will also be studied and discussed. Also during course three, interculturally mixed groups of students will carry out a piece of comparative field work in Europe with direct application of relevant theories and methods. The outcome of the different field work projects will be presented and discussed in subsequent seminars.

Undervisningsformer

The course consists of lectures, workshops, exercises, discussions, films, tutorials, field work and seminars. Attendance in workshops, exercises, discussions, field work and seminars is compulsory.

Examinationsformer

Kursen bedöms med betygen Underkänd, Godkänd eller Väl godkänd.

Besides the required active participation, students will be given both oral and written examinations and are required to complete all fieldwork and seminars successfully.

Kursvärdering

Efter avslutad kurs genomförs en kursvärdering. Den sammanställs och återkopplas till studenterna samt arkiveras enligt institutionens bestämmelser.

Övrigt

This program is part of the International Social Sciences Program (courses one and two) and is also available as an independent program for international exchange students. Course one and two will be followed by the International Social Sciences Program students.

A good command of English is required.

Kurslitteratur och övriga läromedel

Litteraturförteckning Delkurs 1 - Culture, Identity and Social conflict 7,5 hp

Billig, Michael, *Banal nationalism*, Sage, 1995, 200 pages.

Lindqvist, Sven, *Exterminate all the brutes*, Granta books, 2002, 189 pages

Okin, S, *Is multiculturalism bad for the women?*, Princeton University Press, 1999, 146 pages

Sen, A, *Identity and violence*, W.W. Norton, 2006, 215 pages

Litteraturförteckning Delkurs 2 - Culture and Interpersonal interaction 7,5 hp

Browning, C, *Ordinary men*, Penguin, London, 2001, 271 pages

Goffman, Erving, *Stigma*, Touchstone, 1986, 168 pages

Zimbardo, Philip, *The Lucifer effect - understanding how good people turn evil*, Random house, New York, 2007, 551 (255) pages

Litteraturförteckning Delkurs 3 - Cultural analysis with field work 15 hp

The required reading consists of a choice of a doctoral thesis relevant for fieldmethodology and articles or books for the specific methodology that students will use in their own fieldwork. 800 pages