



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Social Studies

1GV075 Introduktion till transgender studier, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Introduction to Transgender Studies, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Gender Studies

Subject Group

Gender Studies

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2016-01-13

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2016

Prerequisites

General entry requirements and English B (Field-specific entry requirements 2/A2).

Objectives

After having completed the course students shall be able to:

- Account for the most central concepts in transgender studies
- Outline the emergence of transgender studies as a field of research from theoretical and historical perspectives
- Discuss and connect theory with empirical samples concerning trans persons from perspectives such as medical history, power, bodies and human rights

Content

Transgender studies is presented through the research fields central theoretical concepts and its most important theoretical achievements. The course gives a historical overview regarding transgender studies as a domain of studies and research. The course puts a special emphasis on linking theory with empirical samples as regards trans persons from aspects such as medical history, power, bodies and human rights.

Type of Instruction

Teaching includes recorded lectures, writing exercises and seminars on a common web-based learning.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades A, B, C, D, E, Fx or F.

Grade A is the highest grade and all other grades follow a falling scale in which grade E is the lowest grade to pass the course. A grade F means that the student has failed the

course. Fx is not a grade and is only used when a student is allowed to complement her/his examination.

Students who have failed the course (in other words, got an F) during the ordinary course examination date will receive the opportunity to go through an additional examination shortly after the ordinary course examination date.

Grading is based on two written assignments. The first obligatory assignment (0,5 credit) cannot give a higher grade than E. The second one (7 credits) is graded A to F.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation will be carried out at the end of the course in accordance with the guidelines of Linnaeus University. The compilation is delivered to the programme council, as well as to the teacher of the course. The next time the course is given the students are informed of the results of the previous course evaluation and any changes that have been made in the course. The course evaluation is conducted anonymous.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Bornstein, Kate. (1994). *Gender Outlaw. On Men, Women, and the Rest of Us*. New York: Routledge, (246 p). ISBN 978-0-679-75701-6.

Feinberg, Leslie. (2003). *Stone Butch Blues*. New York: Alyson Books, (301 p). ISBN 1-55583-853-7.

Hale, Jacob. (1997). *Suggested Rules for Non-Transsexuals Writing about Transsexuals, Transsexuality, Transsexualism, or Trans*. (4 p). Online: <http://www.sandystone.com/hale.rules.html>

Prosser, Jay. (1998). *Second Skins. The Body Narratives of Transsexuality*. New York: Columbia University Press, (259 p). ISBN 978-0-231-10935-2.

Stacey, Jackie and Street, Sarah, (eds.) (2007). *Queer Screen*. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, (56 p). ISBN 978-0-415-38431-5.

Stryker, Susan. (2008). *Transgender History*. Berkeley: Seal Press, (ca 153 p). ISBN-10 1-58005-224-X.

Stryker, Susan and Aizura, Aren Z., (eds.) (2013). *The Transgender Studies Reader 2*. New York: Routledge, (63 p). ISBN 978-0-415-51773-7.

Stryker, Susan and Whittle, Stephen, (eds.) (2006). *The Transgender Studies Reader*. New York: Routledge, (358 p). ISBN 0-415-94709-X.

Bremer, Signe. (2013). Penis as risk. A Queer Phenomenology of two Swedish transgender women's narratives on gender correction. *Somatechnics*, 3(2), Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, (pp 329–350). ISSN 2044-0138.

Additional articles and writing samples, about 40 pages.