



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Social Sciences

1SH145 Culture, Identity and Social Conflict, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Culture, Identity and Social Conflict, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Sociology

Subject Group

Sociology

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

Approved by Organisational Committee 2009-07-15

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2010

Prerequisites

General entry requirements. A good command of English.

Expected learning outcomes

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, feminism, and be able to use them for concrete analyses.

Content

This course 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

Type of Instruction

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.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

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

Course Evaluation

A written evaluation is completed after the course, and it will be archived at the School of Social Sciences. The result and possible changes will be communicated to the students next time the course will be given.

Other

The program courses are based on a mix of sociological, social psychological, communications and to some extent, anthropological theory and research, and credits are transferable as such.

This course is a part of the International Social Sciences Study Program (module one) and is also available as an independent course for international exchange students.

This course will be followed by the International Social Science Programme students.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Required reading

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

Fredrickson, G, Racism – A Short History, Princeton University Press, 2003, 207 pages

Lindqvist, S, Exterminate all the brutes, Granta Books, 2002, 189 pages

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

Sen, A, Identity and Violence, W. W. Norton, 2006, 215 pages