



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Social Sciences

1SO142 Intercultural Studies Programme, 30 högskolepoäng
Intercultural Studies Programme, 30 credits

Main field of study

Sociology

Subject Group

Sociology

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

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Date of Ratification

Approved by Organisational Committee 2009-07-17

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2010

Prerequisites

General entry requirements.

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, 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 assignmnets.
- 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.

Content

Module 1 Culture, Identity and Social conflict 7.5 credits

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, witch will be related to other phenomena such as

globalization and racism.

Module 2 Culture and Interpersonal interaction 7.5 credits

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.

Module 3 Cultural analysis with field work 15 credits

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.

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

NO VALUE DEFINED

Credit Overlap

The first 15 hp are identical with the first 15 hp of Global Issues II.

Other

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.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

List of references Module 1 - Culture, Identity and Social conflict 7.5 hec

List of references Module 2 - Culture and Interpersonal interaction 7.5 hec

List of references Module 3 - Cultural analysis with field work 15 hec