



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Social Studies

ISO154 Kultur och interpersonell interaktion, 7,5 högskolepoäng  
ISO154 Culture and Interpersonal Interaction, 7.5 credits

### **Main field of study**

Sociology

### **Subject Group**

Sociology

### **Level of classification**

First Level

### **Progression**

G1N

### **Date of Ratification**

Approved 2014-10-29

Revised 2022-10-20 by Faculty of Social Sciences. Revision of literature, minor changes under content and addition of standard wording during examination. The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2023

### **Prerequisites**

General entry requirements for university studies.

## Objectives

After completing the course, the student shall:

- be able to orally and in writing demonstrate a basic understanding of how interhuman relations are affected by cultural circumstances and situations,
- be able to demonstrate an understanding of how racism and exclusion are constituted in group relations,
- in writing be able to conduct a social analysis of contemporary cultural issues such as exclusion, stigmatization, deviance and group dynamics.

## Content

This course is an introduction to theories and research in sociology and social psychology on the issue of intercultural interaction. Focus is on the microlevel, with analyses and discussions of relations between groups and individuals. Important phenomena to be studied are group dynamics, stigmatization, ethnicity and exclusion.

## Type of Instruction

Lectures, workshops, exercises, discussions, films, tutorials, field work and seminars. Attendance in workshops, exercises, discussions, field work and seminars is mandatory.

## Examination

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

Examination takes place by means of oral and written examinations and active participation in class.

Grade A represents the highest grade on the scale, and the subsequent grades follow in descending order, where grade E is the lowest grade that qualifies as a Pass. A grade of F means that the student's performance is assessed as Fail. Fx is not a grade and is only used when a student is permitted to supplement his/her 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.

A retake of the examination is provided in accordance with the Local Regulations for First-Cycle and Second-Cycle Courses and Examination at Linnaeus University.

Should the university determine that a student is entitled to special educational support due to impairment, the examiner may provide the student with an adapted test or the student may carry out the examination in an alternative way.

## Course Evaluation

A course evaluation is carried out either during or at the end of the course. Results and analysis of the evaluation are presented to the students who have completed the course as well as to new students at the following course date. The course evaluation is conducted anonymously.

## Credit Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following course/courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course: 1SH142 and 1SH155, 7.5 credits

## Other

A good command of the English language is required.

The course is 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 part of the International Social Sciences Programme, specialization Global Studies and is also available as an independent course for international exchange students.

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

### Required reading

Liu, S, Volcic, Z & Gallois, C (latest edition). *Introducing Intercultural Communication. Global Cultures & Contexts*. London & Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications. (382 pages)

Sorrells, K & Sekimoto, Sachi (editors) (latest edition). *Globalizing Intercultural Communication: A Reader*. London & Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications. (360 pages)

Articles app. 200 pages.