



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Cultural Sciences

2GG30E Geografi III, 30 högskolepoäng
Geography III, 30 credits

Main field of study

Geography

Subject Group

Earth Sciences

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G2E

Date of Ratification

Approved by Organisational Committee 2009-12-11

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2010

Prerequisites

Geography, 60 credits. 1GG200 or the equivalent.

Expected learning outcomes

After completing the course, the students should be able to:

- explain human exploitation of natural resources and impact on the bedrock, landscapes, the water cycle and the climate,
- analyse processes of change and how they influence development,
- problematise the discrepancy between nations and state borders,
- identify the main trends in globalisation,
- critically review scientific geographic texts and write a scientific text in the form of an independent project (essay).

Content

The course consists of three modules:

Module 1 Physical geography, advanced studies 7.5 credits

This module includes in-depth studies of the interplay of people and their physical environment. The module focuses especially on human impact on vegetation, earth, water resources, geomorphological processes and landforms, the atmosphere, and the climate.

Module 2 Processes of change in human geography 7.5 credits

This module discusses processes of change from broad perspectives, and the students broaden and develop their knowledge of human geography. Phenomena discussed include globalisation, development, borders, minorities, and the relation between the state and the nation. "Classic" Swedish dissertations are discussed. The module includes an excursion with case studies focusing on phenomena in human geography.

Module 3 Independent project 15 credits

In the independent project, the student should demonstrate the ability to develop and discuss a problem area in human or physical geography independently, by making well-informed choices of methods and theoretical framework, and by conducting an analysis. In the subject of geography, studies are conducted of phenomena in various parts of the world, and of the spatial patterns these phenomena form. Two fundamental questions discussed are where phenomena occur in the landscape and why they occur where they do. Parts of the teaching in this module are spread over the semester and included in the other modules.

Type of Instruction

Teaching is delivered in the form of lectures, laboratory sessions/field work, seminars and an excursion (which includes an extra cost). Participation in laboratory sessions/field work, seminars and the excursion is compulsory.

Examination

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

The students' performance in modules 1 and 2 is assessed in connection to each module, usually in written form. For students who have received the grade of Fail in their first examination, a retake examination is provided in close connection to the first examination.

Module 3 is examined in the form of an essay.

Course Evaluation

At the end of the course, a course evaluation is conducted. Results and analysis of the course evaluation are communicated to the students who have taken the course and the students who are taking the course when it is offered the next time. The evaluation is anonymous. The course evaluation is filed according to departmental regulations.

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: Some parts of Geography III are also included in Human Geography II and III. Courses including the same parts cannot be combined in the same degree. The course overlaps with GI1241.

Other

The course includes excursions and field work which may include extra costs for the students.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

List of references Module 1 - Physical geography, advanced studies 7.5 credits

Gould, A. The human impact on the natural environment, 6th edition. Blackwell

GOULD, A., *The human impact on the natural environment*. 5th Edition. Blackwell, 2006, 300 p.

Article compendium (sold at the department), 200 p.

List of references Module 2 - Processes of change in human geography 7.5 credits

Jones, M. et al, *An Introduction to Political Geography* (2004), Routledge, ISBN 0 415250765. 180 p.

Political geography (Politisk geografi), compendium 1

Development (Utveckling), compendium 2

Theme Eastern Europe (Tema östra Europa), compendium 3

Excursion guide Poland (Exkursionsguide Polen), compendium 4, 360 p.

List of references Module 3 - Independent project 15 credits

Relevant dissertations, 200 p.