



Introduction to Gender Studies: Perspectives and concepts

Introduktion till genusstudier: perspektiv och begrepp

Credit points: 7,5

Responsible department: Umeå Centre for Gender Studies

Main field of study: Gender Studies

Level: PhD Studies

Subject area: Gender Studies

Grading scale: Pass (G); Fail (U)

Course approval

The course syllabus has been confirmed by the Director of Umeå Centre for Gender Studies on May 17, 2022 and is valid from autumn semester of 2022.

Aim and Contents

The course introduces classic and contemporary perspectives and concepts in Gender Studies, and explores tensions and diverging lines between different approaches to gender and power. The readings, together with lectures and discussions, will engage with how gender relates to, for example, sex, bodies, sexuality, coloniality, violence and work. Through the specific method of empathic reading this course focuses on reading, understanding and interpreting central themes in the course literature.

Expected learning outcomes

Upon the completion of the course the PhD student should:

Knowledge and understanding

- Account for central concepts and perspectives within Gender Studies.
- Understand how gender relates to, for example, sex, bodies, sexuality, coloniality, violence and work.

Skills and abilities

- Be able to both verbally and in writing identify and discuss diverging lines between different Gender Studies perspectives.
- Through reading protocols be able to summarize main ideas and arguments in the course literature.

Judgement and approach

- Be able to independently problematise different understandings of gender and power.
- Be able to analytically discuss how central perspectives and concepts in Gender Studies relate to the doctoral student's own research project.



Form of instruction and examination modes

The learning outcomes are examined through compulsory seminars, active participation, and seminar preparation (including reading protocols), as well as through an individually written assignment at the end of the course.

The course is given through lectures and seminars. The course is given in English. The final paper can be written in either English or Swedish, Danish and Norwegian.