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Faculty of Social Sciences

## **SIMS39, Social Sciences: Gender, Global Development and Post-Colonialism, 15 credits**

*Social Sciences: Gender, Global Development and Post-Colonialism,  
15 högskolepoäng*  
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by the Committee for International Programmes on 2012-11-22 and was last revised on 2016-04-25 by Graduate School Board. The revised syllabus applies from 2016-08-29, autumn semester 2016.

### **General Information**

The course is offered as an interdisciplinary single subject course in Social Science at the second-cycle level and as an optional course within the Master of Science Programmes. Medium of instruction and assessment is English.

*Language of instruction:* English

<i>Main field of studies</i>	<i>Depth of study relative to the degree requirements</i>
Media and Communication Studies	A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements
Education	A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements
Gender Studies	A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements
Sociology	A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements
Development Studies	A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements
Social Anthropology	A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements
Human Geography	A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements
Political Science	A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

## Learning outcomes

### Knowledge and understanding

On completion of the course, students shall be able to:

- Critically reflect upon the theorisation of social relations of gender and its relation to the theorisation of development in a post-colonial era.
- Locate, understand and critically review gender, development and post-colonial theories within interdisciplinary scholarship on gender and development.
- Analyse relevant gender and development phenomena in a systematic manner using the key concepts acquired during the course.
- Formulate complex research questions regarding gender, development and post-colonialism.
- Use gender, development and post-colonialism as analytical tools in research proposals.
- Understand how to apply gender development and post-colonial theoretical perspectives in different development contexts.

### Course content

This course is interdisciplinary and addresses issues of gender and development. The course explores central questions and themes that have been critically raised by researchers and activists in the field. Students will be introduced to the breadth of the field of gender and development theory and to the central issues in the current debates regarding inequalities and social change, key concepts, theories and analytical tools. More specifically, the course will examine the following aspects or themes in gender and development debates:

- History of development and gender debates from colonialism to post-colonialism: Millennium Development Goals, development policies and mainstreaming gender and development and beyond.
- Problematizing categories in gender and development from a post-colonial perspective: gender, masculinities, queer, global power relations, human rights and recognition.
- Studying and theorizing bodies in the post-colonial era: bodies as sites of contestation, : population, reproduction, health, sexuality, violence, conflict and security.
- Analysing economy, society and global inequalities: work, employment, migration, trafficking, poverty, gender and sustainable development and the climate and ecology discourses.

### Course design

The course is based on a combination of lectures and seminars. The lectures will focus on the impact of contemporary gender and development theory on other established disciplines. The seminars will focus on different themes that will be treated in depth.

Students will be encouraged to search for information, and to analyse and present literature themselves. In each seminar, students will discuss and/or make oral and/or written presentations of the literature.

The language of instruction is English. Lectures and seminars are conducted in English, and examinations and students' course papers are written in English.

## **Assessment**

Assessment will be based on

- seminar participation
- oral presentations
- written work

An opportunity for re-examination will be offered 4-6 weeks after the end of the course period. Examinations will be scheduled during the academic year only.

*Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.*

## **Grades**

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

The grades awarded are A, B, C, D, E or Fail. The highest grade is A and the lowest passing grade is E. The grade for a non-passing result is Fail.

The student's performance is assessed with reference to the learning outcomes of the course. For the grade of E the student must show acceptable results. For the grade of D the student must show satisfactory results. For the grade of C the student must show good results. For the grade of B the student must show very good results. For the grade of A the student must show excellent results. For the grade of Fail the student must have shown unacceptable results.

At the start of the course students are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus and about the grading scale and how it is applied in the course.

## **Entry requirements**

To be eligible for the course the student must have 150 credits including a graded thesis for the degree of Bachelor, or a completed major, in the Social Sciences, or another equivalent subject.

A good command of English language both spoken and written, equivalent to English 6/B (advanced) proficiency in the Swedish secondary system, is required. Equivalence assessments will be made according to national guidelines.

## **Further information**

The course was adopted by the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences on 7 January 2013, in accordance with the delegation of authorities at the Faculty of Social Sciences, reg.no. S2012/60. The syllabus was approved by the Committee for International Programmes on November 22, 2012.

This syllabus is valid from the spring term of 2013.

The course cannot be included in a degree together with SIMS19 Gender and Development 15 credits or SIMS29 Gender and Development 15 credits.

Subcourses in SIMS39, Social Sciences: Gender, Global Development and Post-Colonialism

Applies from H13

1301 Gender, Global Development and Post-Colonialism, 15,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A