



Faculty of Social Sciences

SIMS26, Social Sciences: Migration and Development, 15 credits

Social Sciences: Migration and Development, 15 högskolepoäng
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by Graduate School Board on 2011-12-12 and was last revised on 2020-02-25. The revised syllabus applies from 2020-08-31, autumn semester 2020.

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>
Social Anthropology	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 Work	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
Media and Communication 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
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

Learning outcomes

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

- Identify and critically reflect upon approaches, theories and methods to understand the link between migration and development and the politics of migration (i.e. causes, interrelationships and possibly policy interventions)
- Understand and apply theories of migration within their respective disciplines and within the interdisciplinary field of migration studies
- Identify and critically reflect on the impact of migration processes on sending, transit and receiving societies and on immigrants and their families
- Formulate advanced research questions in the field of migration
- Work effectively in an interdisciplinary context
- Give informative oral presentations on migration and development
- Write critically on migration and development and the politics of migration

Course content

This interdisciplinary course deals with key issues of migration and development as well as different theoretical perspectives developed to increase our understanding of the preconditions for and content of migration processes.

The course provides students with a general overview of the field of migration and offers students with a prior interest in, and experience of, related sub-fields an opportunity for more advanced critical analysis of migration issues. A number of current key issues in migration studies are discussed and analysed. The course also offers overview and critical scrutiny of theories of migration and governance in a historical and societal context. Students are given the opportunity to deepen their understanding of a broad range of more specific themes within the field from a global perspective, namely:

- Trends and theories of migration and development
- The socio-political implications of migration processes around the globe
- The role of migrant identities and agency
- The governance of migration and the integration of immigrants into societies
- The politics of migration

The objective of the course is to enable students to critically examine current debates and phenomena related to migration in the global context.

Students will acquire the knowledge and concrete skills to understand, assess and work in fields related to migration. This understanding can assist those working directly in migration-related issues, as well as those working in aspects of social and institutional development more indirectly related to migration.

Course design

The course will consist of lectures and seminars. Lectures will cover key issues in migration studies and will provide an overview of relevant theories and the societal contexts in which they have emerged. Seminars will offer thematic deepening of these key issues. Some of the seminars will consist of students' presentations.

Students will be encouraged to analyse and present findings from the academic and grey literature, the synthesis of which will be presented in the seminars. Students will be required to write individual course papers at the end of the course.

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:

- Active participation in class
- Written assignments submitted in connection with specific topics covered during the lectures and/or seminars
- Oral presentations individually or in small group in seminars 40%
- An individually written essay in which students answer questions on specific themes of the course 60%

Examinations will be scheduled during the academic year only. An opportunity for re-examination will be offered after the end of the course. If necessary, a second re-examination will be arranged at a later date.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

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 cannot be included in a degree together with SIM303 Migration and development 15 credits, SIMS06 Migration and development 15 credits or SIMS16 Migration and Development 15 credits.

Subcourses in SIMS26, Social Sciences: Migration and Development

Applies from H12

1101 Social Sciences: Migration and Development, 15,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A