

Samhällsvetenskapliga fakulteten

**GNVN14, Gender Studies: Feminist Ethnography, 7,5  
högskolepoäng**

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Avancerad nivå / Second Cycle

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**Fastställande**

Kursplanen är en historisk, äldre version, faställd av Samhällsvetenskapliga fakultetens styrelse 2011-11-17 och senast reviderad 2012-03-14 av Styrelsen för centrum för genusvetenskap. Den reviderade kursplanen gällde från och med 2012-09-01.

**Allmänna uppgifter**

*Huvudområde*

Genusvetenskap

*Fördjupning*

A1N, Avancerad nivå, har endast kurs/er på grundnivå som förkunskapskrav

**Kursens mål**

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

- Critically reflect on feminist ethnography as a method in Gender Studies.
- Understand the development and importance of ethnography within the field of Gender Studies.
- Consider the use of a feminist ethnographic perspective as applied in different contexts.
- Design and conduct a minor ethnographic study.
- Reflect upon the ways in which gender, race, class and sexuality of the researcher and collaborators in the field site call for particular ethical considerations, such as feminist research ethics.
- Make oral and written presentations in order to explore: what is feminist ethnography?

## Kursens innehåll

The objective of the course is to provide a feminist understanding of ethnography as a method and how it translates into written text in Gender Studies and the Social Sciences more broadly. This involves an understanding of and critical reflection upon various data collection methods, the use of different kinds of data, social relations in the field, the importance of location, the representation of complex and sensitive data, as well as questions concerning engagement, ethics, resistance and empowerment. To achieve this, the course introduces different ways of doing ethnography. Central to the course is to make the students take part in current theoretical, methodological and empirical debates about the status of data, and the meaning of interpretation and representation in Gender Studies.

## Kursens genomförande

The course is based on a combination of lectures and seminars which depart from feminist ethnographic studies. Students are encouraged to search, analyze and present literature additional to the course literature. In seminars, students will make oral and/or written presentations of the literature and consider specific questions and problems of relevance for ethnographic studies. A student assignment, parallel to the lectures and seminars, will be conducted. The final assignment consists of designing and conducting a minor ethnographic field study which should be critically informed by the course literature. The minor ethnographic study will be presented both orally and in writing.

Assessment of the course will be based on:

- Active participation in seminars.
- Oral presentations, individually and/or in groups.
- Written examination in the form of papers and critical reflections on the course literature.

In connection with the course students are offered three examinations, a regular examination, a re-examination and one additional re-examination. Within one year after the course, students are offered a minimum of two additional re-examinations. Thereafter, more examinations are offered but in accordance with current course content.

## Kursens examination

### Betyg

Betygskalan omfattar betygsgraderna Underkänt, 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.

### **Förkunskapskrav**

The course builds on previous studies in gender studies. To be eligible for the course the student must have 150 credits including a Bachelor thesis in Gender Studies, or having completed the courses SIMP25 Gender, Class, Ethnicity and Sexuality and SIMP26 Critical Feminist Perspectives in Social Theory or having corresponding competence.

English B (advanced) language proficiency shall be demonstrated in one of the following ways:

- IELTS score of 6.5 (with no section less than 5.5)
- TOEFL paper-based score of 4.5 (scale 1-6) in written test and a total score of 575; internet based score of 20 (scale 0-30) and a total score of 90
- Cambridge/Oxford –Advanced Certificate of Proficiency
- A Bachelor's degree from a university where English is the only language of instruction, according to the International Handbook of Universities
- A pass on English course B (Swedish upper secondary school).

Exemption from Swedish language requirements is granted.

### **Övrigt**

The course is offered as an interdisciplinary single subject course in Gender studies within the Master's Programme in Science with a major in Gender Studies (SASAM:GNVE). The language of instruction is English.