



Faculty of Social Sciences

SASSG, Master of Science Programme in Social Studies of Gender, 120 credits

Masterprogram i genusstudier, 120 högskolepoäng

Second cycle degree programme requiring previous university study / *Program med akademiska förkunskapskrav och med slutlig examen på avancerad nivå*

Decision

The programme syllabus is established by Pro dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences 14-03-2019 (U 2019/127) and most recently amended 06-09-2019 (Dnr U 2019/403). The amended syllabus is valid from 15-10-2019, autumn semester 2020.

Programme description

The programme is an interdisciplinary Master's programme within the field of social sciences. The programme aims to provide the student with core elements through which current feminist theories, in dialogue with established academic disciplines, have contributed to the understanding of broader social processes. The major objective of the programme is to improve the students ability to critically examine, evaluate and discuss the most important theoretical perspectives and research results in the field. With these skills the student will be able to formulate and analyse inter-connections between theory and practice concerning gender, class, ethnicity and sexuality.

The student will learn a critical social science approach which will prepare him or her for postgraduate studies as well as for professional work in a variety of fields: health, organisational management, development, communication, social policy among others.

Goals

Pursuant to the Higher Education Ordinance, for a degree of Master (120 credits and

60 credits respectively) the student shall:

Knowledge and understanding

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the chosen field of study, including both broad knowledge of the field and a considerable degree of specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as insight into current research and development work, and
- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the chosen field of study.

For a Degree of Master (60 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the chosen field of study, including both an overview of the field and specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as insight into current research and development work, and
- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the chosen field of study.

Competence and skills

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information
- demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate issues critically, autonomously and creatively as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames and so contribute to the formation of knowledge as well as the ability to evaluate this work
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing both nationally and internationally to clearly report and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in some other qualified capacity.

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Judgement and approach

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in the chosen field of study informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work
- demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used, and
- demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for his or her ongoing learning.

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In addition to the outcomes stated in the Higher Education Ordinance, for a degree of Master of Science (120 credits or 60 credits) in Social Studies of Gender the student shall:

- have acquired a holistic outlook and understanding for perspectives based on disciplines other than their own,
- be able to formulate and analyse interconnections between theory and practice in the field of gender, class, ethnicity and sexuality,
- have developed an understanding of the central role of gender in organisations,
- be able to critically re-read social and development policies from a gender perspective,
- be able to operationalise gender analysis in order to provide concrete proposals regarding gender equality in politics, education and health, and
- possess knowledge about scientific channels of communication, and be able to monitor the academic development within their field of study and employ referencing systems.

Course information

The programme comprises a total of 120 higher education credits including a Master's thesis of 30 credits.

The first term begins with a profile course introducing the student to the main themes and issues of the programme. This is followed by courses in theory of science for the social sciences, and/or in research methods, which provides the students with the skills required for independent research.

The second term begins with a second profile course directly related to the main theme of the programme. The profile course increases the students understanding and knowledge of gender issues through deepening the students comprehension of theories and current research.

This is followed, in the second half of the second term, by courses in theory of science and/or research methods.

The third term consists of elective courses to be taken at Lund University or any other

recognised university in Sweden or abroad or an internship. The courses are chosen with the approval of the programme coordinator, and enable the student to tailor the programme to suit his or her particular interests.

During the fourth and last term the student complete the programme by writing a thesis, which provides the student with the opportunity to demonstrate his or her understanding of theories, methods and argumentation.

The courses are studied in the following order:

- Gender, Class, Ethnicity and Sexuality, 15 credits (first half of the first term)
- Theory of science and/or research methods, 15 credits (second half of the first term)
- Critical Feminist Perspectives in Social Theory, 15 credits (first half of the second term)
- Theory of science and/or research methods, 15 credits (second half of the second term)
- Elective courses, 30 credits (the third term)
- Master's thesis in the student's major social science discipline, 30 credits (the fourth term)

Degree

Degree titles

Degree of Master of Science (120 credits) in Social Studies of Gender

- Major: Development Studies
- Major: Gender Studies
- Major: Human Geography
- Major: Political Science
- Major: Social Anthropology
- Major: Social Work
- Major: Sociology
- Major: Sociology of Law

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For a degree of Master of Science (120 credits) within the programme, the student must have passed the courses specified under "Course information" (or the equivalent courses at another higher education institution). Of the required 30 course credits in theory of science and/or research methods, at least 15 credits must be in research methods.

It is also possible to acquire a degree of Master of Science (60 credits) in Social Studies of Gender after completion of the following required courses:

- Gender, Class, Ethnicity and Sexuality, 15 credits
- Theory of science and/or research methods, 15 credits
- Critical Feminist Perspectives in Social Theory, 15 credits
- Master's (60 credits) thesis, 15 credits

Requirements and Selection method

Requirements

To be eligible for the programme the applicant must have the equivalent of a Swedish Bachelor's degree with a major (i.e. at least 90 ECTS credits) in one of the following social sciences disciplines: Development Studies, Gender Studies, Human Geography, Political Science, Social Work, Social Anthropology, Sociology, Sociology of Law or equivalent.

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

Selection method

The applicant's estimated capacity to complete the programme is the primary criterion for selection. Students are selected on the basis of their previous study results (grades on courses and thesis in the Bachelor's degree), proficiency in English and a statement of purpose. Since this a multidisciplinary programme it is essential to attain an even distribution among different majors within the group. The number of admitted applicants from one major shall not exceed 30 % of all students admitted to the programme. Hence the applicant's major will be used as a selection criterion in case of many applicants from one major. The following main fields of study are eligible as majors: Gender Studies, Development Studies, Human Geography, Political Science, Social Work, Social Anthropology, Sociology and Sociology of Law.

Other information

The language of instruction and assessment is English.

Instructions regarding teaching and examination are given in the syllabus for each

course respectively.