



**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
AND COMMUNICATION**
JÖNKÖPING UNIVERSITY

**Syllabus passed by the Board of Global Studies
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Autumn semester 2010

Course code: LCPA19

Subject area: SA

Subject code: ICA

Communication Perspectives, 7.5 credits

Kommunikativa perspektiv, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Basic level

General information

The aim of the course is to introduce students to communication studies from the perspective of levels and contexts. There will be a special focus on international and intercultural aspects, especially designed for students enrolled in the undergraduate program Global Studies.

The course is designed to prepare students for their communication skills in work placements in an international context. The course is also offered to international students participating in exchange programs.

Learning outcomes

On completion of this course, students should be able to:

- explain factors affecting the communication process in an intercultural context.
- recognize the interrelationship between language and culture.
- distinguish his/her own communication patterns in the context of the patterns of other cultures.
- compare the effect of different cultural value dimensions on communication patterns.

Course content

- The affect of ethnocentrism, otherfication and world view on communication.
- Non-verbal communication.
- The affect of culture on language and thought.
- Cultural value dimensions. Cultural influence on contexts, e.g. crisis, health, education.
- Swedishness and Swedish communication patterns in the global village – understanding cultural identity

Admission requirements

Basic qualifications for university studies and English level B for Swedish students

International students: Fluency in English equivalent to at least a 550 (old scale) 312 (new scale) TOEFL score. (Competency in Swedish language not required.)

Teaching and learning forms

The teaching methods are a variety of lectures, seminars, group studies and practical assignments.

Examination and grading

One group work with seminar, one group work with presentation, one individual written exam and one individual essay. Active attendance at lectures is required and will be evaluated in the final grade. Grades given are VG, G, and U for Swedish students and the ECTS grading scale for international students.

Course evaluation

The course will be evaluated at the end of the course.

Course literature

The course literature is listed in an appendix.

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Samovar, L. Porter, R.E. McDaniel, E. (2009). *Communication between Cultures*. 7th edition. Andover: Cengage Learning, 415 p

Ting-Toomey, S. Chung L,C. (2007). *Understanding Intercultural Communication*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, App 100 p

Larsson, I. (2010). *Att bygga broar över kulturgränser – Om svenskars kommunikation med icke-svenskar vid arbete utanför Sverige*. Lund: Lunds Universitet, app 100 p

Articles, app 100 p