



COURSE SYLLABUS

Gender Theory, 10 credits

Genusteori, 10 högskolepoäng

Course Code:	FLGET37	Education Cycle:	Third-cycle level
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Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

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

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate comprehension of the different gender theories addressed in the course, including an understanding of their ontological and epistemological basis
- describe how the theories relate to and differ from each other

Skills and abilities

- apply one or more of the gender theories in the course as an analytical lens in their research

Judgement and approach

- develop ethical and well-reasoned arguments for the application of one or more gender theoretical lenses in his or her research

Contents

The course gives a broad social science introduction to gender theory. It has a theory of science emphasis, and explains different ways of understanding gender and of using gender as an analytical category in research. The seminars cover:

- Feminist theories
- Key classical texts
- Epistemologies in gender research
- Masculinity research
- Queer and intersectionality
- Gender research in the research areas of the course participants

Course unit 1, 0,0 credits

Type of instruction

Lecture, seminars and written assignments. For further information on instruction, see the study guide.

The teaching is conducted in English.

Prerequisites

The course is open for those who meet the general entry requirements for doctoral studies.

Examination and grades

The course is graded Fail (U) or Pass (G).

To pass the course, the students are required to actively participate in the seminars, submit the assignments and course paper within the stipulated deadlines and pass all elements of examination. For further information, see the study guide.

Registration of examination:

Name of the Test	Value	Grading
Gender Theory	10 credits	U/G

Course evaluation

The instruction is evaluated continuously throughout the course. At the end of the course, a course evaluation is performed and commented on by the course coordinator. The course evaluation, which is submitted to the study administration, is to function as a basis for future improvements of the course.

Other information

For admission procedures and schedule, see attached study guide.

It is not an absolute prerequisite, but it is recommended that students have taken some introductory PhD-courses first, in particular a philosophy of science course.

Course literature

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