



Feminist theory

Credit points: 7,5

Responsible department: Umeå Centre for Gender Studies

Main field of study: Gender Studies

Level: PhD Studies

Subject area: Gender Studies

Grading scale: Pass (G); Fail (U)

Course approval

The course syllabus has been confirmed by the Director of Umeå Centre for Gender Studies on June 14, 2019 and is valid from autumn semester of 2019.

Aim and Contents

The course offers a general presentation of the development in feminist theory. The course deals with feminist perspectives and debates on citizenship and rights, politics and justice, postcolonialism, resistance and solidarity, and intimacy, bodies and experience.

Expected learning outcomes

Upon the completion of the course the PhD student should:

Knowledge and understanding

- Account for and relate independently to central perspectives, dividing lines, concepts and themes within feminist theory.

Skills and abilities

- Both verbally and in writing relate to different feminist approaches to citizenship, rights, globalization and experience,
- Independently and in a group prepare and deepen relevant discussions and readings of these approaches.

Judgement and approach

- Ability to account for feminist theory as a field of research,
- Ability to analytically reflect on feminist theory in relation to the doctoral student's own research project.

Form of instruction and examination modes

The learning outcomes are examined through compulsory seminars, active participation and seminar preparation, as well as through an individually written paper presented at the end of the course.

The course is given through lectures and seminars. Part of the course is based on the participants searching for and selecting relevant literature for the seminars. The course is given in English. The final paper can be written in either English or Swedish, Danish and Norwegian.

Literature will be added.