



Course syllabus – Third-cycle Course

Animals in Society, 7,5 credits

Djur i samhället, 7,5 hp

Course code	FHVV010
Established date	2021-04-29
Established by	School of Health, Care and Social Welfare
Valid from	Summer 2021
Main fields of study	Social science (Sociology, cultural studies, anthropology, management studies, sustainable development, work life studies)
Area of education	Health and welfare
Level of the course	Third cycle
Language	English
Grading system	Two-grade scale

Specific entry requirement

A brief motivational letter (a maximum of 1 page) where applicants describe their educational background and why their doctoral research project would benefit from the course.

The applicant must submit proof of ongoing doctoral studies, in the form of a certificate of studies or similar documentation.

The participants will be chosen based on the relevancy of their educational background and PhD project for the course.

Objectives

The objective for the course is for the student to acquire knowledge of some of the theories and methodological approaches used to study the relationship between humans and other animals within the frame of the research field of human-animal studies.

Learning outcomes

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

1. define, apply and discuss central theoretical concepts in human-animal studies
2. demonstrate a deeper understanding of current discussions in the field of human-animal studies
3. reflect on the role of animals in contemporary society
4. formulate and motivate a research question that advances a theoretical approach, and/or addresses an underexplored area, within human-animal studies

Course content

The course gives an introduction to human-animal studies in social science and the humanities, with a focus on the role of animals in society. Several different theoretical perspectives and methodological approaches within the field are dealt with during the course.

Teaching methods

The teaching methods are online lectures and online seminars, as well as a written assignment.

Examination

ASSIGN 1, 5 credits

SEM 1, 2,5 credits

Possible re-examinations: 5

Marks/grades

Pass (G) or Fail (U).

In this course, the general rules and guidelines on deception and disturbance at Mälardalen University are applied. For more information see mdu.se, and *Deception and Disturbance*.

Reading List

A list of articles electronically accessible through the library will be provided for the completion of SEM 1. A list of books will be provided

for the completion of ASSIGN 1, of which the course participant chooses two or three.

For information, please contact the responsible department.