



AG1114 Urban Theory, Basic Course 7.5 credits

Urban teori, grundkurs

This is a translation of the Swedish, legally binding, course syllabus.

Establishment

Course syllabus for AG1114 valid from Autumn 2008

Grading scale

A, B, C, D, E, FX, F

Education cycle

First cycle

Main field of study

The Built Environment, Technology

Specific prerequisites

AG1102 Economic Geography (or equivalent)

Language of instruction

The language of instruction is specified in the course offering information in the course catalogue.

Intended learning outcomes

The aim of the course is to provide the student with the ability to

- Interpret modern urban patterns in a historical perspective, which also includes history of housing policies, location patterns and public transport policies.
- Analyse the interaction between urban physical structure and the social life within it.
- Have some knowledge of the responsibilities of the different parties involved in urban planning.
- Have knowledge on methods for analysis of urban space.

Course contents

The course is divided in the following parts

- History of urban form and housing, and the ideas behind. Main focus will be on the development in Sweden during the modern period, but other countries and periods will also be discussed.
- Urban life. How the city is used by its inhabitants, that is how people form households, work, consume, dwell, move and use the city to satisfy their different needs.
- Different parties responsibilities in urban planning, and the social sector. The relation between physical planning and social work will be discussed.
- An exercise where knowledge from other parts of the course is applied.

Disposition

Teaching will be conducted through lectures, seminars and excursions. One project assignment is included, to be presented in oral and written form.

Course literature

- Peter Hall: Cities of tomorrow
- Compendium
- Hand-outs

Examination

- ÖVN1 - Exercise, 3.0 credits, grading scale: A, B, C, D, E, FX, F
- TEN1 - Examination, 4.5 credits, grading scale: A, B, C, D, E, FX, F

Based on recommendation from KTH's coordinator for disabilities, the examiner will decide how to adapt an examination for students with documented disability.

The examiner may apply another examination format when re-examining individual students.

If the course is discontinued, students may request to be examined during the following two academic years.

Other requirements for final grade

An approved final exam (TEN1; 4,5 cr). A high quality of the exercise is required for the highest grade (ÖVN1; 3 cr).

Ethical approach

- All members of a group are responsible for the group's work.
- In any assessment, every student shall honestly disclose any help received and sources used.
- In an oral assessment, every student shall be able to present and answer questions about the entire assignment and solution.