

# Syllabus

The name of the education: Cultural Sociology 7.5 Credits

Code: SO3FU12

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Valid from: Spring semester 2026 (2026-01-19)

Level within study regulation: Third cycle

Course modules Cultural Sociology, 7.5 Credits

## 1. Entry requirements

Basic eligibility for postgraduate studies

## 2. Learning outcomes

To pass the course, the student should be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- Explain cultural sociology as a sociological subdiscipline and describe its central themes, methods, concepts and theories.
- Discuss the current research front in cultural sociology.
- Explain the explicit and implicit ontological and epistemological assumptions on which cultural sociology rests.

Skills and competences

- Analyze and present central texts in cultural sociology in a clear, well-formulated and convincing manner.
- Apply relevant concepts, theories and typical methods in cultural sociology to analyze and interpret relevant phenomena.
- Further develop cultural sociological concepts, theory and/or methods.

Values and approaches

- Critically evaluate empirical studies and theoretical texts in cultural sociology.
- Critically examine the main perspectives and current debates in cultural sociology.
- Establish and justify one's own position in cultural sociology perspectives and debates.

### 3. Content

The course provides an in-depth treatment of cultural sociology, with a focus on its central themes, theories, scientific debates and the methods used regular in empirical research within the subdiscipline. Cultural sociology examines how social and individual meanings are created, conveyed and interpreted in different social contexts, as well as the interaction between cultural symbols and social practices – for example social identity, collective communication, lifestyles and popular cultural expressions.

The course provides in-depth knowledge of the current research front in cultural sociology. The course will show how sociologists analyse cultural meaning systems using different methods and through a variety of empirical foci, such as media representations and discourses, art and cultural production and symbolic boundaries in relation to lifestyle aspects of class, gender, ethnicity and nation.

### 4. Forms of examination

The course is examined with oral presentations, individual written assignments and active attendance.

Grading is done according to the grade scale of pass or fail.

The written grading criteria are communicated to the students at the start of the course.

To receive a passing final grade for the course, a minimum grade of C is required on the course paper, mandatory assignments have been completed and attendance has been maintained for at least 75% of the teaching. If absenteeism exceeds 25%, the student must retake the course. For each course, at least two examination opportunities should normally be offered within one year.

### 5. Form of instruction

Teaching is given in the form of mandatory seminars and/or workshops and lectures.

Attendance at all sessions is mandatory. Absences from mandatory sessions must be supplemented according to instructions from the teacher.

### Plagiarism, cheating, unauthorized collaboration, or use of AI

Part of your responsibility as a student is to be familiar with the rules for examinations. Detailed information is available on Stockholm University's website [here](#). Teachers are obliged to report suspected cheating and plagiarism to the Vice-Chancellor and the Disciplinary Board. Plagiarism and cheating are always disciplinary matters and can lead to suspension. An example of plagiarism is copying a text verbatim or almost verbatim (including a single sentence or lines of code) and not indicating where it comes from. Always ensure that you know where the text originates from or that quotations are used when you submit a text for examination that you have not written yourself. This also applies to texts you have written previously (self-plagiarism). Cheating also includes, for example, the use of unauthorized aids, such as mobile phones or generative AI. Having study groups

together is stimulating and time-saving, but when it comes to examination assignments, you must be careful to work on your own (unless otherwise clearly stated) so as not to risk being counted as unauthorized collaboration. The use of an AI chatbot or similar generative AI tools in exam assignments without the express permission of the examiner or course coordinator is considered cheating and will be reported to the disciplinary board.

## Övergångsbestämmelser

When the course syllabus is suspended, the student has the right to be examined once per semester according to the current course syllabus during a suspension period of three semesters.

## Begränsningar

The course may not be included in the degree together with another course whose content is wholly or partly identical to the content of the course. Students who have passed the course SO7510 Cultural Sociology cannot be admitted to the course.