



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Criminology and Police Work

1KR105 Kriminologisk introduktionskurs, 15 högskolepoäng  
Introduction to Criminology, 15 credits

### **Main field of study**

Criminology

### **Subject**

Other Subjects within Social Science

### **Level**

First cycle

### **Progression**

G1N

### **Date of Ratification**

Approved 2024-11-11.

Revised 2025-03-11. Revision of examination.

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2025.

### **Prerequisites**

General entry requirements for university studies and Mathematics 2a alt. Mathematics 2b alt. Mathematics 2c, Social studies 1b alt. Social studies 1a1 + 1a2.

### **Objectives**

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- account for the implications in society in relation to criminological theories,
- place theories of criminology in a historical as well as a social context,
- analyse critically certain specific areas within the field of criminology, such as social class, gender and ethnicity in relation to different phenomena of crime
- problematise various depictions of crime, such as how crime is depicted in the

- media and within popular culture,
- account for principles within general jurisprudence and their relevance to research in criminology.

## Content

The course is an introduction to the disciplinary and theoretical foundation and development of criminology, and its relation to other scientific disciplines. The relation of criminology to politics and practice are also discussed, as well as knowledge of how we may understand the structure, extent and development of crime and the role of the mass media in terms of how our view on criminality is treated. One of the key themes in the course is criminological theories at the individual, group and societal levels. The course also offers a basic introduction to the general jurisprudence.

## Type of Instruction

Instruction takes place in the form of lectures and seminars.

## Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

Examination of the course objectives takes place by means of two on-campus written examinations and seminars.

In order to receive a grade of Pass in the course, the course objectives must be attained.

For a grade of Pass with Distinction in the course, both written examinations require the grade of Pass with Distinction.

Resit examination is offered in accordance with Linnaeus University's Local regulations for courses and examination at the first- and second-cycle levels.

In the event that a student with a disability is entitled to special study support, the examiner will decide on adapted or alternative examination arrangements.

## Course Evaluation

A course evaluation should be conducted during the course or in connection with its conclusion. The results and analysis of the completed course evaluation should be promptly communicated to students who have completed the course. Students participating in the next course instance should be informed of the results of the previous course evaluation and any improvements that have been made, no later than at the start of the course.

## Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following course/courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course:  
1KR100 Criminology I, Module 1 and 1KR110 Criminology I, Module 1.

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Bäckman, Olof, Estrada, Felipe, Nilsson, Anders & Sivertsson, Fredrik (latest edition). *Den ojämlika brottsligheten: Lagföringsutvecklingen i demografiska och socioekonomiska grupper 1973-2017*. Rapport 2020:1. Stockholm: Kriminologiska institutionen, Stockholms universitet. (150 p.). (Available on the Internet).

von Hofer, Hanns (latest edition). *Brott och straff i Sverige: historisk kriminalstatistik 1750-2010 : diagram, tabeller och kommentarer*. Stockholm: Kriminologiska institutionen, Stockholms universitet. (303 p.). (Available on the Internet).

Lilly, J. Robert, Cullen, Francis T. & Ball, Richard A. (latest edition). *Criminological Theory: context and consequences*. SAGE Publications Inc, Thousand Oaks, California. (592 p.).

*Nationella trygghetsundersökningen NTU 2020. Brå rapport 2020: Om utsatthet, otrygghet och förtroende*. (2020). Norstedts Juridik AB. ISBN: 9789188599322. (243 p., selected parts ca. 150 p.).

Newburn, Tim (latest edition). *Criminology*. London: Routledge. (1144 p., selected parts ca. 500 p.).

Publications and other texts are also included, comprising a maximum of 200 pages.