



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Criminology and Police Work

1KR120 Rättspsykologi i utredningar 1, 7,5 högskolepoäng

1KR120 Investigative Psychology 1, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Criminology, Police Work

Subject Group

Other Subjects within Social Science

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2022-12-12

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2023

Prerequisites

General entry requirements for university studies.

Objectives

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

- account for the main subareas of forensic psychology,
- describe key concepts of psychology of memory and psychological sources of error (biases) and their importance to investigations,
- describe key concepts of psychology of perception and their relevance to investigations,
- discuss investigative psychological similarities and differences between criminal investigations, asylum investigations and foster home investigations,
- account for how reliability assessments are carried out and used within various investigative contexts.

Content

The aim of the course is to provide an introduction to social investigative contexts in a perspective of forensic psychology, focusing on criminal investigations, asylum investigations and foster home investigations. The students are introduced to fundamental aspects of psychology of memory and perception, and knowledge of the

importance of these to investigators, decision-makers, and the individuals subjected to such investigations.

Furthermore, introduction is also provided regarding how reliability and credibility are assessed by investigators and decision-makers in various investigative contexts.

Type of Instruction

Teaching 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 a written exam comprising 6.5 credits, and by participating in a seminar comprising 1 credit.

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, it is required that the written exam is assessed as Pass with Distinction.

A retake of the examination is provided in accordance with the Local Regulations for First-Cycle and Second-Cycle Courses and Examination at Linnaeus University.

Should the university determine that a student is entitled to special educational support due to impairment, the examiner may provide the student with an adapted test or the student may carry out the examination in an alternative way.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation is carried out either during or at the end of the course. Results and analysis of the evaluation are presented to the students who have completed the course as well as to new students at the following course date. The course evaluation is conducted anonymously.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Granhag, Pär Anders, Landström, Sara & Nordin, Andreas. (2017). *Värdering av muntliga utsagor*. Göteborg: Göteborgs universitet. ISBN: 9789163929021. (92 p.)

Scientific publications and compendiums are also included and provided by the department (ca. 500 p.)