



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Criminology and Police Work

1KR200 Kriminologi II, 30 högskolepoäng

Criminology II, 30 credits

### **Main field of study**

Criminology

### **Subject Group**

Other Subjects within Social Science

### **Level of classification**

First Level

### **Progression**

G1F

### **Date of Ratification**

Approved 2021-05-05

Revised 2021-12-21 by Faculty of Social Sciences. Revision of course literature, module 2.

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2022

### **Prerequisites**

Criminology I, at least 22.5 credits.

## Objectives

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

- apply and explain the approaches within different criminological theories and perspectives concerning crime as a social phenomenon,
- describe and apply different methodological concepts to crime relevant to research in criminology,
- identify and discuss scientific and ethical implications in stages leading up to new problem formulations in criminology and criminal and social policy.

### **Module specific objectives:**

#### ***Module 1 - Current Criminological Problems and Perspectives, 15 credits***

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

- discuss, evaluate and analyse the social implications of different theories and traditions of criminology in terms of explanatory models and problematization of crime,
- critically approach different traditions of theory within criminology based on a historical as well as a societal context,
- critically analyse social class, gender and ethnicity in relation to different theoretical descriptions of crime

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***Module 2 - Criminological Method II, 7.5 credits***

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

- formulate relevant issues based on theoretical bases and material available,
- describe the epistemological basis of different methods, relevant methodological concepts, analysis methods and material,
- apply statistical concepts and analysis methods in relation to the chosen research issue,
- relate theoretical bases to the chosen research issue and the results of the study,
- problematize the methodological choices and results in different studies,
- reflect on other academic studies based on the methodological knowledge gained in the course.

***Module 3 - Establishment of New Problems in Criminology, 7.5 credits***

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

- search, collect, evaluate and examine critically relevant information concerning a process that generate new problems in criminology,
- discuss critically why certain phenomena, issues and situations grow into "problems" while others do not,
- discuss critically and try out different measures and programmes in crime prevention that have been developed as a reaction to new criminological problems.

## Content

The course discusses the new theory development within the field of criminology such as Cultural, Green, Rural, Urban, Border and Narrative criminology. This course includes advanced study of the methodological traditions of criminology. The course also discusses issues concerning how something develops into a problem in criminology and social policy and criminology.

The course consists of three modules:

### ***Module 1 - Current Criminological Perspectives, 15 credits***

Criminality is a complex phenomenon requiring that we use several different perspectives in order to possibly understand it. This course involves advanced study of the theory of criminology and issues concerning the extent and structure of crime. We will for instance look into different current ways of understanding crime as cultural aspects of how we understand and interpret crime and how we talk about crime. The course also deals with issues on how factors such as whether crime takes place in the urban or the rural area and how this affects our understanding of crime. Issues concerning how we may understand crime against the environment, animals and wildlife are also addressed. The course is based on demonstrating the width that exists concerning issues and problems within the field of criminology.

### ***Module 2 - Criminological Method II, 7.5 credits***

The course provides advanced study of different methods for material collection such as inquiries and ethnography and methods for processing of material such as textual analysis and statistical analysis. The course also introduces issues on the importance of the method in writing the report as well as academic writing. A specialisation in the theory of science is also included.

### ***Module 3 - Establishment of New Problems in Criminology, 7.5 credits***

This module focuses on the different types of crime presently occurring or which have emerged as an effect of present events or changes, and the scientific as well as the political reactions to these are also looked into. Furthermore, aspects of phenomena and problems that have become relevant within the field of criminology outside the traditional types of crime are discussed. The module aims to problematize the processes, parties concerned and events that are the causes of the emergence of new criminological problems.

## Type of Instruction

Teaching consists of lectures.

## Examination

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

### ***Module 1 - Current Criminological Perspectives, 15 credits***

Examination of the course objectives takes place by means of one take-home exam comprising 10 credits and five seminars comprising 5 credits. The exam is assessed by the grades of Fail, Pass or Pass with Distinction, and the seminars are assessed by the grades of Fail or Pass.

### ***Module 2 - Criminological Method II, 7.5 credits***

Examination of the course objectives takes place by means of one written exam comprising 5 credits, and four seminars comprising 2.5 credits. The written exam is assessed by the grades of of Fail, Pass or Pass with Distinction, and the seminars are assessed by the grades of Fail or Pass.

### ***Module 3 - Establishment of New Problems in Criminology, 7.5 credits***

Examination of the course objectives takes place by means of one take-home exam comprising 5 credits, and four seminars comprising 2.5 credits. The exam is assessed by the grades of of Fail, Pass or Pass with Distinction, and the seminars are assessed by

the grades of Fail or Pass.

In order to receive a grade of Pass in the entire course, all examinations require the grade of Pass. For a grade of Pass with Distinction in the entire course, a minimum of 15 credits require the grade of 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

#### Module 1 - Current Criminological Perspectives, 15 credits

Brisman, Avi, Carrabine, Eamonn & South, Nigel (Eds.). (2017). *The Routledge companion to criminological theory and concepts*. Routledge: Abingdon. ISBN: 9781138819009. (573 p.)

Crook, Martin, Short, Damien & South, Nigel. (2018). "Ecocide, genocide, capitalism and colonialism: Consequences for indigenous peoples and global ecosystems environments", *Theoretical Criminology*, Vol. 22(3) 298–317. (20 p.) (Available on the Internet).

Donnermeyer, Joseph & DeKeseredy, Walter. (2014). *Rural criminology*. New York: Rutledge. ISBN: 9780415634359. (175 p.)

Hayward, Keith. (2016). "Cultural criminology: Script rewrites", *Theoretical Criminology*, Vol. 20(3) s 297–321. (24 p.) Available on the Internet.

Millington, Gareth. (2012). "The outer-inner city: urbanization, migration and 'race' in London and New York". *Urban Research & Practice*. Vol. 5 (1) 6–25. (19 p.) (Available on the Internet).

Potter, Hillary. (2015). *Intersectionality and criminology: disrupting and revolutionizing studies of crime*. London: Routledge. ISBN: 9780203094495. (209 p.)

Presser, Lois & Sandberg, Sveinung. (2019). "Narrative Criminology as Critical Criminology", *Critical Criminology* (2019) 27:131–143. (12 p.) (Available on the Internet).

South, Nigel. (2014). "Green Criminology: Reflections, Connections, Horizons", *International Journal for Crime, Justice and Social Democracy*. Vol 3 No 2: 5-20. (15 p.) (Available on the Internet).

#### Module 2 - Criminological Method II, 7.5 credits

Bacchi, Carol (2007, 2012). *Två sammanfattningar av "Analysing Policy: What's The Problem (Represented To Be)?"* (8 p.) Available on the Internet.

Barmark, Mimmi & Djurfeldt, Göran (2020). *Statistisk verktygslåda 0: Att förstå och förändra världen med siffror*. (Second edition). Lund: Studentlitteratur. ISBN:

97891138643130. (192 p.)

Bergström, Göran & Boréus, Kristina (2018). *Textens mening och makt: metodbok i samhällsvetenskaplig text- och diskursanalys*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. ISBN: 9789144117928. (441 p.)

Djurfeldt, Göran, Larsson, Rolf & Stjärnhagen, Ola. (2018). *Statistisk verktygslåda 1: samhällsvetenskaplig orsaksanalys med kvantitativa metoder*. (Third edition). Lund: Studentlitteratur. ISBN: 9789144121017. (482 p.)

Lohr, Sharon. (2019). *Measuring crime: behind the statistics*. Boca Raton, Fla.: CRC Press. ISBN: 9781138489073. (157 p.)

### **Module 3 - Establishment of New Problems in Criminology, 7.5 credits**

Hacking, Ian. (2000). *Social konstruktion av vad?* (1st ed., 3rd pr.) Stockholm: Thales. ISBN: 9172350547. (270 p.)

Spector, Malcolm & Kitsuse, John. (2001). *Constructing social problems*. (New ed.) New Brunswick, N.J.: Transaction Publishers. ISBN: 0765807165. (184 p.)

Additional publications comprising circa 200 pages also included.