



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Criminology and Police Work

1PA03U Fördjupningskurs i utredning, 6 högskolepoäng

Advanced course in criminal investigation, 6 credits

Main field of study

Police Work

Subject Group

Other Subjects within Social Science

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

Approved 2019-11-27

Revised 2021-11-26 by Faculty of Social Sciences. Revision of examination elements and course literature.

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2022

Prerequisites

General entry requirements for university studies.

Objectives

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

- identify the criminal law relevant to the target group and be able to apply the concepts, principles and systematic approach of the subject area,
- apply the relevant parts of the Police Authority's national investigative concept in practical investigative work,
- identify the relation between preliminary investigation and main hearing,
- in practical investigative work, apply the regulations on preliminary investigation stipulated in the Code of Judicial Procedure, the Preliminary Investigations Ordinance, and associated ordinances in an efficient manner and in compliance with the rule of law,
- account for how interrogations are planned, carried out and evaluated in accordance with legal regulations, research findings and best practice in the field.

Content

In terms of police investigative work, the importance of far-reaching priority measures is explained. The entire investigation process up until the main hearing is discussed. The beginning, conduct and documentation of preliminary investigations are elaborated on.

Students learn how to use the frequently applied coercive measures given in the code of judicial procedure in an ethical manner and in compliance with the rule of law. The consequences of a crime, for all individuals involved in a preliminary investigation, are explained. A summary is given of the police obligation to and care of victims of a crime. The treatment of the injured party, witnesses, suspects and people with certain disabilities is elaborated on.

Type of Instruction

Teaching is mainly conducted by the use of problem-based methods and in the form of base group work, supervision, seminars, lectures and practical application.

Examination

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

Examination is carried out by means of one written examination and one e-examination (interrogation).

The written examination addresses the laws relevant to investigations/preliminary investigations, the methods used to run the investigative work, and the needs and rights of the victims of a crime. The e-exam on interrogation addresses interrogation techniques and witness psychology.

In order to receive a grade of Pass, the course objectives must be attained. For a grade of Pass with Distinction in the entire course, it is required that both examinations are 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.

Credit Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course: 1PX22U Criminal Investigation, 6 credits.

Other

This course is included in the Functional Police Programme.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Danielsson, Stig. & Bärghman, Owe. (Latest edition). *Förundersökning i brottmål*. Stockholm: Bruun juridik, (105 p.)

Kronkvist, Ola. (2021). *Polisförhör – Metoderna, forskningen och lagen*. Malmö: Gleerups. (240 p.) ISBN: 9789151105536.

Rosén, Ulrika. & Wahlbom, Magnus. (2019). *Offentlighet och sekretess inom polisen*

RUSCH, Ulrika, & Wahlund, Magnus. (2017). *Offentlighet och sekretess inom polisen*. Stockholm: Bruun Juridik. (127 p.) ISBN: 9789172237810.

Westerlund, Gösta. (Latest edition). *Straffprocessuella tvångsmedel*. Stockholm: Bruun Juridik, (245 p.)

FAP 261-2, Rikspolisstyrelsens föreskrifter och allmänna råd om upplysningar om förenklad delgivning enligt 3 b§ delgivningslagen, (2 p.)

FAP 4001, Rikspolisstyrelsens allmänna råd om förhör som spelats in på ljud eller videoband, (2 p.)

Polisens PM 2017:19 Polismyndighetens riktlinjer för ledning av förundersökning i brottmål.

Polisens PM 2017:48 Polismyndighetens riktlinjer för underrättelseskyldighet m.m. när utlännning är berövad friheten. (7 p.)

One of the following statute books, (latest edition):

Sveriges Lag, Lund: Studentlitteratur AB, ca 100 p.

Sveriges Rikes Lag, Stockholm: Nordstedts Juridik, ca. 100 p.

Anderberg, Andreas. (Latest edition). *Författningssamling i polisrätt*. Stockholm: Wolters Kluwer.

Zeteo (available on the Internet through the Linnaeus university library).

Additional reports, legal cases and publications also included as per instructions given, approx. 100 pages.