



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Criminology and Police Work

1PA05U Droger, missbruk och psykisk ohälsa, 6,5 högskolepoäng

1PA05U Drugs, substance abuse and mental disorder, 6.5 credits

Main field of study

Police Work

Subject Group

Other Subjects within Social Science

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1F

Date of Ratification

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The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2023

Prerequisites

A minimum of 10 credits in Police Work, first cycle.

Objectives

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

- account for the most common narcotic drugs
- account for the most common signs and symptoms of substance abuse
- account for the most common signs and symptoms of mental illnesses and neuropsychiatric disorders
- account for adequate, ethical and tactical treatment and approach in relation to people who suffer from mental illness, neuropsychiatric disorders and/or who are under the influence of drugs
- account for legal measures in relation to cases involving mental health disorders, and/or drugs and substance abuse
- account for crime prevention within the police in relation to drug offences.

Content

The course initially provides basic knowledge of the most common narcotic drugs used, and the effect these have on the human body. Harmful products and doping are also

discussed. Relevant legislation is addressed, as well as the police investigation procedures concerning crimes related to narcotics, harmful products and performance enhancing drugs.

The course provides basic knowledge of diagnoses and neuropsychiatric disorders related to the concept of mental ill-health/mental disorder.

Furthermore, the concept of comorbidity is also discussed, for instance the correlation between substance abuse and mental ill-health.

Relevant legislation in relation to mental ill-health, drugs and substance abuse is discussed. Emphasis is placed on a professional ethical approach, communication and treatment.

The course is concluded with a practical exercise in which the students are given the opportunity to practice their theoretical and practical knowledge in cases related to mental ill-health, drugs and substance abuse.

Type of Instruction

Teaching take place by means of problem-based methodology and in the form of supervision, lectures and practical application. The concluding practical exercise is compulsory.

Examination

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

Examination of the course takes place by means of a written exam and a written assignment.

In order to receive a grade of Pass in the course, students are required to attain the grade of Pass for both examinations and the course objectives must be attained. To be awarded a grade of Pass with Distinction in the course, it is required that the written exam is assessed as Pass with Distinction, by demonstrating an advanced reasoning on the key issues discussed in the course.

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

Berggren, Nils Olof & Munck, Johan. (Latest edition). *Polislagen: En kommentar*. Stockholm: Norstedts Juridik, (41 p.)

Heine, Sara (2022). Rapport: *Att förebygga narkotikaproblem - tidig upptäckt tidiga*

insatser. Narkotikapolitiskt center. (66 p.) (Provided by the department).

Herlofson, Jörgen (2014). *Minipsykiatri*. Natur & Kultur Akademisk. (277 p., selected parts 15 p.) ISBN: 9789127135796. (Provided by the department).

Johnson, Björn, Richert, Torkel & Svensson, Bengt (2017). *Alkohol- och narkotikaproblem*. Lund: Studentlitteratur AB. (381 p., selected parts 15 p.) ISBN: 9789144112381. (Provided by the department).

Polismyndighetens handbok för narkotikabekämpning, PM 2019:14. (57 p.) (Provided by the department).

Psykisk ohälsa – ämnesforum utdrag från polisens läroplattform (2018). *Övergripande information om psykisk ohälsa i Sverige och i den polisiära vardagen mm*. (43 p.) (Provided by the department).

Skärsäter, Ingela, Wiklund Gustin, Lena, Arlebrink, Jan, Ejneborn Looi, Git-Marie, Foldemo, Annika, et al. (2019). *Omvårdnad vid psykisk ohälsa - på grundnivå*. Studentlitteratur AB. (656 p., selected parts 15 p.) (Provided by the department).

Svenska Carnegie Institutet och Svenska Narkotikapolisföreningen. (Latest edition). *Narkotika, dopningsmedel och hälsofarliga varor*. Medialhuset, Göteborg, (64 p.)

Zila, Josef. (2019). *Specialiststraffrätten: en introduktion*. Stockholm: Norstedts Juridik AB. (103 p.) ISBN: 9789139208914. (Provided by the department).

Tollin, Katharina, Hammar, Li & Jonsson, Anna. *Narkotikamarknader: En studie av smuggling, gatuförsäljning, internethandel och köpare*. BRÅ (brottsförebyggande rådet). Rapport 2021:10. (178 p.) (Provided by the department).

One of the following codified laws, the latest edition:
Sveriges Lag, Lund: Studentlitteratur AB, ca. 100 p. ISBN: 9789144109954.

Sveriges Rikes Lag, Stockholm: Nordstedts Juridik, ca. 100 p. ISBN: 9789139018049.

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