



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Criminology and Police Work

1PA18U Förundersökningsledning, fördjupning, 12 credits
Conducting Preliminary Investigation, advanced

Main field of study

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 2022-06-20

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2022

Prerequisites

General entry requirements and completed education in Conducting Preliminary Investigation, first cycle, or appointed officer in charge of a preliminary investigation at the basic or advanced level.

Objectives

After completing the course, students shall be able to:

- identify the general section of the criminal law such as objective as well as subjective necessary conditions, the preliminary stages of crime, complicity in crime and justifications in order to observe these in the investigation process,
- identify crimes in relation to different events by applying the provisions and principles of criminal law,
- apply the regulations in force regarding initiate, conduct and close a preliminary investigation, and in compliance with the rule of law decide on the coercive measures required taking into consideration the general principles that govern the use of coercive measures and in accordance with the legislation in force,
- examine and evaluate evidence during the preliminary investigation considering the evidentiary requirements applied in court, and compile evidence and identify any reasonable doubts,
- apply the regulations that allow limitations in the duty to conduct a preliminary

- investigation and the duty to prosecute,
- coordinate and lead the investigators based on the Police Authority's strategy for the investigation activities and the National Investigative Concept of the Police.

Content

The course deals with the conditions of the Police Authority's assignment in terms of preliminary criminal investigations. More specifically, the aim of the course is to enhance the students' skills with respect to conducting and leading preliminary investigations and thus also increase the understanding of the objectives and strategies of the Police Authority in relation to the assignment concerning conducting crime investigations.

The responsibility and importance of the head of a preliminary investigation to the efficiency, legal certainty and quality of the crime investigation activities are discussed in the course.

The course also includes observation at the Swedish Prosecution Authority.

The course contains the following components:

- The general section of the criminal law
- The special section of the criminal law, specialising in crimes where the preliminary investigation is to be lead by the police authority in accordance with the regulations in force
- Supplementary Penal Provisions outside the Penal Code
- The sanction and sentencing system
- The role as head of a preliminary investigation
- The Police objectives, strategies and directives concerning the assignment to conduct crime investigations
- The duty to conduct crime investigations and its exemptions
- Document/departmental note on division of responsibility concerning preliminary investigations
- Documentation, duties and quality requirements
- Coercive measures in accordance with the Code of Judicial Procedure
- Forfeiture and extended forfeiture
- Evaluation of evidence
- Decision on discontinuance of a preliminary investigation
- Limitations of a preliminary investigation
- Final serving and completion of a preliminary investigation
- European Convention on Human Rights with the emphasis on article 6.

Type of Instruction

Teaching takes place in the form of problem-based methodology and consists of lectures, supervision, seminars and practical exercises. Completing an observation at the Swedish Prosecution Authority is compulsory.

Examination

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

Examination takes place by means of a group assignments in the form of a seminar (in criminal law), a seminar (follow-up of the observation at the Swedish Prosecution Authority), and a final individual written take-home exam.

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

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 course/courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course: 1PU17U, Conducting Preliminary Investigation, step 1 and 1PU30U, Conducting Preliminary Investigation, step 2 or 1PA15U, Conducting Preliminary Investigation.

Other

The course is given as a contract education and the selection of course participants is made by the contracting authority.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Bring, Thomas, Diesen, Christian & Andersson, Simon. (Latest edition). *Förundersökning*. Stockholm: Norstedts juridik (621 p.)

Leijonhufvud, Madeleine, Wennberg, Suzanne & Ågren, Jack. (Latest edition). *Straffansvar*. Stockholm: Wolters Kluwer AB. (209 p.)

Lindberg, Gunnel. (Latest edition). *Straffprocessuella tvångsmedel när och hur får de användas?* Stockholm: Karnov Group. (887 p., selected parts ca. 600 p.)

Text of the law on the Swedish Penal Code (Brottsbalken) including commentary, available in digital form on JUNO.

Text of the law on the Code of Judicial Procedure (Rättegångsbalken) including commentary, available in digital form on JUNO.

Current cases and reports also included as per directions given (circa 400 pages).