



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Criminology and Police Work

1PA21U Polisiär grundkurs, 7,5 högskolepoäng

1PA21U Basic police work, 7.5 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 2021-12-22

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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:

- describe the basic elements of the police mission to ensure order, safety and security in society,
- account for theories of communication applied to police work such as the communicative approach,
- describe the mental preparation in the short term as well as in the long term, acute stress management, and account for different coping strategies,
- use basic group and social psychology concepts and theories, as well as apply these in discussions related to police activities,
- by the use of adequate theoretical evidence, discuss the concept of a professional approach in police work with regard to the basis of knowledge, approach and ethical principles as well as put this in relation to the police ordinance and the core values in the police organisation,
- analyse and discuss various aspects of content and consequences of ethical dilemmas in police work,

- apply fundamental police laws such as the Police Act, the Care of Intoxicated Persons Act, the Act on Detention, and the Act on the prohibition of knives and other dangerous objects.

Content

This course discusses the basic elements of the police mission to ensure order, safety and security in society. Relevant legislation such as the Police Act, the Police Ordinance and current documentation requirements are discussed and put into context. Some use of coercive measures such as legal authority, other grounds of discharge and regulations concerning the use of means of power (firearms, batons and OC) are also introduced.

Ethical and legal aspects on the police role in terms of behaviour, treatment and intervention are presented.

Behavioural science as well as the fields of communicative approach and social psychology are integrated in this course. The behavioural scientific elements focus on basic psychological theories and key concepts, interpersonal relations and communication. Aspects discussed concern encounters with people, how we function as human beings on the basis of social codes and how we may understand ourselves and others in different situations.

The concept of conflict management strategies is presented within the field of communicative approach, and different aspects in relation to the communication between people are also discussed.

Within the field of social psychology, students gain advanced knowledge of the correlation between stress, thoughts, feelings and behaviours. Stress management is included and this course element thus strengthens the aspect of the field of social psychology in police conflict management.

Type of Instruction

Teaching takes place in the form of supervision, seminars, lectures and practical application.

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 three seminars, one written assignment, one paper written in groups followed by a public discussion and examination, and one written examination.

In order to receive a grade of Pass, students must attain the intended learning outcomes of the course in all examinations. For a grade of Pass with Distinction in the course, it is required that the student obtains the grade of Pass with Distinction for the written exam in law, which requires an independent analytical reasoning concerning the coherence between statements in the Police Act, other ordinances and the application of the law.

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 the 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: 1PA01U, Basic police work, 8 credits, 1PX12U, Basic police work, 7.5 credits.

Other

This course is included in the Functional Police Programme.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Berggren, Nils-Olof. & Munck, Johan. (Latest edition). *Polislagen, en kommentar*. Stockholm: Wolters Kluwer. (253 p.)

Dahlgren, Niklas. (Latest edition). *Knivlagen, bakgrund och tillämpning*. Stockholm: Norstedts Juridik, (90 p.)

Granér, Rolf & Denward, Sara. (Latest edition). *Socialpsykologi och etik*. Växjö: Polisutbildningen, Linnéuniversitetet. Provided by the department. (250 p.)

Granér, Rolf & Granér, Simon. (Latest edition). *Personalgruppens psykologi*. Lund: Studentlitteratur, (ca 280 p.)

Granér, Rolf & Knutsson, Maria. (Latest edition). *Etik i polisarbete*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. (162 p.)

or

Granér, Rolf & Wieslander, Malin (Eds.) (2022). *Etiska perspektiv på polisarbete*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. ISBN: 9789144154022. (281 p.)

Nilsson, Björn & Waldermansson, Anna-Karin, (Latest edition). *Kommunikation:samspel mellan människor*. Lund: Studentlitteratur, (165 p.)

Thunholm, Patrik, (Latest edition). *Lag om omhändertagande av berusade LOB. En vårdlag eller ett maktmedel*. Linnaeus University studies in policing #003-2011. Växjö: Linnéuniversitetet, (90 p.)

FAP (Föreskrifter och allmänna råd för polisen) 023-1, 101-2, 104-2. Polismyndigheten, (15 p.)

Lag (1980:578) om ordningsvakter, (3 p.)

Polismyndigheten (Latest edition). *Polisiär konflikthantering*. Provided by the department. (15 p.)

Articles, legal cases, complaints to the Parliamentary Ombudsmen (JO) and reports are also included as per instructions given, approximately 100 pages.