



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Social Work

1PX11U Polisiär introduktionskurs, 5 högskolepoäng

Introduction to police work, 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 2016-06-01

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The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2018

**Prerequisites**

NO VALUE DEFINED

### Objectives

After completing the course, students shall be able to:

- use basic group psychological concepts and apply these in discussions on cases related to police operations
- account for the relations between the political governance of the police operations and its operations planning
- account for the police authority's need of cooperation with other authorities in the public sector

## Content

The course introduces the students to aspects of studying on the police education and the requirements and expectations that the police organisation has on new police officers.

This also entails that students acquire knowledge of basic group psychological concepts, and are trained in applying these. This is done as a preparation for future group-oriented studies as well as police work involving different groups internally as well as in relation to the surrounding world.

The implication of the police operations in Sweden ultimately being politically governed is established and defined. Here, students are given the opportunity to acquire general knowledge of the aims that the police strive to achieve. These aims are during the course clarified by studying legal documents and through discussions based on key policy documents.

Students are introduced to the construction and function of the judicial system, and judicial methods applied for problem solving on the basis of the principal sources of law are presented. Students are also provided with an overview of the different judicial areas and the international dimensions of law with emphasis on international law and human rights.

Aspects concerning the relation between law and political science are for instance

- judicial documents stating the aims of the police operations on one hand and key policy documents issued by political policymakers/representatives for the police authority on the other hand.
- the role of the police in a modern democracy (requirements on the exercise of power by the police being legally established, that it is executed taking into account needs and proportion, and is politically governed).

## Type of Instruction

Teaching is mainly conducted by the use of problem-based methods. Knowledge acquisition in the elements takes place through individual work, base group work, supervision, seminars, lectures, literature studies and practical application. Students are expected to take an active part in discussions held during lectures and seminars. The working methods as well as the examination formats are intended to train the students' abilities to express themselves in an objective manner and adopt a critical approach, orally as well as in writing.

## Examination

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

Examination of the course component group psychology is carried out in two steps. Partly through a group analysis performed in base groups, and partly by this analysis being discussed at a subsequent seminar. In order to receive a grade of Pass, students must have participated in a group that has submitted a well developed paper which clearly is in line with the intended learning outcomes of the course component. Students must also demonstrate in the seminar that they master the ability to independently discuss their own work as well as that of other groups, where group psychological concepts are used in an adequate manner.

Examination of the components law and political science takes place through a written examination. In order to receive a grade of Pass for the examination, it is required that the student attains the intended learning outcomes in the components law and political science. For a grade of Pass with Distinction on the examination, it is required that the student, on a high and advanced level and by the use of adequate theoretical evidence, has the ability to answer the questions included in the exam. In order to receive a grade of Pass for the entire course, it is required that the student receives a grade of Pass for

the group psychology exam as well as for the examination of the components law and political science. For a grade of Pass with Distinction for the entire course, the examination in group psychology must be assessed as Pass and the examination of the components law and political science must be assessed as Pass with Distinction.

### Course Evaluation

A course evaluation is carried out either during or at the end of the course. Results and analysis 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. The results are reported to the programme council concerned and filed by the Police Education Institute.

### Required Reading and Additional Study Material

One of the following code of statutes:

*Sveriges Lag*, Lund: Studentlitteratur AB, ca. 100 p. ISBN: 9789144109954.

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

Anderberg, Andreas. (2017). *Författningssamling i polisrätt*. Stockholm: Wolters Kluwer, (50 p.). ISBN: 9789139208211.

Granér, Rolf & Granér, Simon. (2016). *Personalgruppens psykologi*. Lund Studentlitteratur, (216 p.). ISBN: 9789144113241.

Hydén, Håkan & Hydén, Therese. (2016). *Rättsregler – en introduktion till juridiken*, Lund: Studentlitteratur, (176 p.). ISBN: 9789144108872.

Norén Bretzer, Ylva. (2014). *Sveriges politiska system*. Lund: Studentlitteratur, (158 p.). ISBN: 9789144089928

Petersson, Otto. (2015). *Att bli polis. Från utbildningens förväntningar till gatans norm*. Stockholm: Norstedts juridik. ISBN: 9789144089928. (pp. 186-200, 15 p.)

Polismyndigheten (Latest edition) *Polismyndighetens verksamhetsplan*. (15 p.).

Regeringen (Latest edition) *Regleringsbrev avseende utgiftsområde 4*. (15 p.).

Articles, reports and court cases are also included as per instructions given, ca. 100 p.