



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Criminology and Police Work

1PX22U Utredning, 11,5 högskolepoäng

Criminal investigation, 11.5 credits

### **Main field of study**

Police Work

### **Subject**

Other Subjects within Social Science

### **Level**

First cycle

### **Progression**

G1F

### **Date of Ratification**

Approved 2016-06-01.

Revised 2024-09-23. Revision of the reading list.

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2024.

### **Prerequisites**

1PX11U Introduction to police work, 5 credits

1PX12U Basic police work, 7.5 credits

1PX15U Proficiency in investigative aspects of police work I, 4 credits

### **Objectives**

After completing the course, students shall be able to:

- apply the relevant parts of the Police Authority's national investigative concept of the police in practical investigative work,
- identify the relation between preliminary investigation and main hearing,

- in practical investigative work, apply the regulations on preliminary investigation given 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,
- identify the needs of victims of crime and account for adequate supportive measures
- account for the role of the police in the work on crime prevention,
- plan, carry out and evaluate interrogations 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 the 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.

One week of field studies is included in the course, where students among other things shall carry out an individual written assignment.

Compulsory components during the course:

- Interrogation practice 1. Witness/victim of a crime 2. Practical session in tactical use of aggravating investigation information 3. Suspect
- Preliminary investigation practice in a debriefing room

## Type of Instruction

Teaching is mainly conducted by the use of problem-based methods and takes place by means of supervision, seminars, lectures, and practical application. Practical elements are practiced through demonstrations, practical exercises, supervision, and lectures.

## 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, one web-based examination and one written assignment (forensic statement).

For a grade of Pass in the entire course, the student must attain the intended learning outcomes of all examinations.

In order to receive a grade of Pass with Distinction in the entire course, the grade of Pass with Distinction is required for the written examination in law and the e-examination in forensic interview techniques.

Resit examination is offered in accordance with Linnaeus University's Local regulations for courses and examination at the first- and second-cycle levels.

In the event that a student with a disability is entitled to special study support, the examiner will decide on adapted or alternative examination arrangements.

## Course Evaluation

A course evaluation should be conducted during the course or in connection with its conclusion. The results and analysis of the completed course evaluation should be promptly communicated to students who have completed the course. Students participating in the next course instance should be informed of the results of the previous course evaluation and any improvements that have been made, no later than at the start of the course.

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Berggren, Nils-Olof & Munck, Johan (latest edition). *Polislagen: en kommentar*. Stockholm: Norstedts juridik. (240 p.).

Bärgman, Ove (latest edition). *Förundersökning i brottmål*. Stockholm: Bruun juridik. 330 p.).

Granström, Görel (ed.) & Mannelqvist, Ruth (ed.) (2016). *Brottsoffer: rättsliga perspektiv*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. (170 p.). ISBN: 9789144111643.

Kronkvist, Ola (latest edition). *Polisförhör – Metoderna, forskningen och lagen*. Malmö: Gleerups. (240 p.).

Rosén, Ulrika & Wahlund, Magnus (latest edition). *Offentlighet och sekretess inom polisen*. Stockholm: Bruun Juridik. (127 p.).

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

One of the following codes of statutes:  
*Sveriges Lag*, Lund: Studentlitteratur AB, ca. 100 p.

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

Jørgensen, John (latest edition). *Författningssamling i polisrätt*. Stockholm: Nordstedts Juridik, ca. 100 p.

*Juno* (web-based access through the Linnaeus University library).

Non-commented statutory documents as per the directions given by the course component coordinators prior to examination.

FAP 261-2 PMFS 2022:27. Polismyndighetens föreskrifter och allmänna råd (PMFS 2022:27) om information om förenklad delgivning enligt 33 kap. 6 § andra stycket rättegångsbalken (3 p.).

FAP 400-1. Rikspolisstyrelsens allmänna råd om förhör som spelats in på ljud- eller videoband. (2 p.).

Polisens PM 2019:11. *Polismyndighetens riktlinjer för ledning av förundersökning i*

*brottmål.* (11 p.).

Current reports, court cases and articles are included as per instructions given, approx. 100 pages.