



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Social Work

1PX22U Utredning, 11,5 högskolepoäng

Criminal investigation, 11.5 credits

Main field of study

Police Work

Subject Group

Other Subjects within Social Science

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1F

Date of Ratification

Approved 2016-06-01

Revised 2017-11-03 by Faculty of Social Sciences.

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2018

Prerequisites

NO VALUE DEFINED

Objectives

After completing the course, students shall be able to:

- apply the relevant parts of the Police Authority's national criminal investigation directives 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 Public Notice of Preliminary Investigation, 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 proven experience 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, in which students for instance shall identify in what ways the Police Authority has developed the national investigation directive.

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 methodology. Knowledge acquisition in the components takes place through individual studies, base group studies, supervision, seminars, lectures, literature studies and practical application. Students are expected to take an active part in discussions held during lectures and seminars. Practical elements are trained through demonstrations, practical exercises, supervision, lectures and reading. The working methods as well as the examination formats are intended to develop the students' ability to express themselves objectively and reflect critically on matters orally as well as in writing.

Examination

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

Examination is carried out through two written examinations. One of these addresses the laws relevant to investigations/preliminary investigations, the method used to run the investigative work, and the needs and rights of the victims of a crime. The other one addresses interrogation methodology and witness psychology. For a grade of Pass on the two examinations, students must attain the intended learning outcomes of the course in law and interrogation methodology. The students must also present two written assignments (individual interrogation records and patrol-based paper with approved results). In order to receive a grade of Pass with Distinction, students must demonstrate more advanced and independent solutions to the questions given in both of the written examinations, where areas of expertise such as law, investigation methodology and interrogation methodology are integrated.

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. The results are reported to the programme council and filed by the Institute of Police Education.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Berggren, Nils-Olof & Munck, Johan. (Latest edition). *Polislagen: en kommentar*, Stockholm : Norstedts juridik, (100 p.). ISBN: 9789139114451.

Danielsson, Stig. (Latest edition). *Förundersökning i brottmål*. Stockholm: Bruun juridik, (105 p.). ISBN: 9789172236233.

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

Kronkvist, Ola. (2017). *Polisförhör – Metoderna, forskningen och lagen*. Malmö: Gleerups. (240 p.). ISBN: 40692191.

Rosén, Ulrika. & Wahlund, Magnus. (2016). *Offentlighet och sekretess inom polisen*. Stockholm: Bruun Juridik. (127 p.). ISBN: 9789172236400.

Westerlund, Gösta. (Latest edition). *Straffprocessuella tvångsmedel*. Stockholm: Bruun Juridik, (245 p.). ISBN: 9789186346751.

One of the following codes 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. (2016). *Författningssamling i polisrätt*. Stockholm: Wolters Kluwer. ISBN: 9789139208006
Zeteo (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 000-2, Rikspolisstyrelsen allmänna råd om underrättelseskyldighet mm när utlämning är berövad friheten, (3 p.).

FAP 261-2, Rikspolisstyrelsens föreskrifter och allmänna råd om upplysningar om förenklad delgivning enligt 3 b§ delgivningslagen, (2 p.).

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

Polisens PM 2017:19 Polismyndighetens riktlinjer för ledning av förundersökning i brottmål.

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