



## 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 Group**

Other Subjects within Social Science

### **Level of classification**

First Level

### **Progression**

G1F

### **Date of Ratification**

Approved 2016-06-01

Revised 2018-06-01 by Faculty of Social Sciences. Revision of the course literature and content.

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2018

### **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. 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. Practical elements are practiced through demonstrations, practical exercises, supervision, lectures and studying of the course material. 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 is carried out by means of two written examinations. One of these addresses the laws relevant to investigations/preliminary investigations, the methods used to run the investigative work, and the needs and rights of the victims of a crime. The other one addresses interrogation techniques and witness psychology.

For a grade of Pass for the two examinations, students must attain the intended learning outcomes of the course in law and interrogation techniques. 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 are required to demonstrate more advanced and independent solutions to the questions given in both of the written examinations, where areas of expertise such as law, investigation techniques and interrogation techniques 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 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.

Polisens PM 2017:48 Polismyndighetens riktlinjer för underrättelseskyldighet m.m. när utlämning är berövad friheten. (7 p.)

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