



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences  
Department of Social Work

1SA212 Internationellt socialt arbete, 15 högskolepoäng  
International Social Work, 15 credits

### **Main field of study**

Social Work

### **Subject Group**

Social Work and Social Welfare

### **Level of classification**

First Level

### **Progression**

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### **Date of Ratification**

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2017-09-20  
The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2018

### **Prerequisites**

General entry requirements.

## Objectives

After completing this course, the student is expected to be able to:

1. Describe concepts and theories in international social work
2. Discuss how social work handle the challenges of globalization
3. Describe common social problems in Africa, Europe, America and Asia
4. Describe social work systems around the world and analyse the impact of historical, political, economic, cultural and environmental factors inside these social systems
5. Identify dilemmas in international social work
6. Discuss interventions in international social work to solve problems

## Content

- Definition of concepts including social rights, capital, social exclusion, empowerment, promotion, prevention of social problems.
- Cross-cultural development and globalization in relation to social work
- Social work's commitment to human rights
- Relevant theories for international social work
- Global social problems worldwide (poverty, migration, social risk factors for ill-health between and within countries, the global burden of violence against women and girls, the global challenges of adolescents' social problems and health, climate changes)

- Social work systems around the world (Africa, Europe, America, Asia)
- International federation of social work (IFSW)
- International agencies dealing with social issues (UN agencies, Save the Children, Red Cross, MSF, Bill and Melinda Gate Foundation, Grameen Bank, Oxfam)
- Dilemmas in international social work

## Type of Instruction

The teaching is based on lectures, class discussions, group work, online discussion forums, case examples, seminars and field visits. Seminar presentations are compulsory.

## Examination

The course is assessed with the grades A, B, C, D, E, Fx or F.

Grade A constitutes the highest on the scale and the remaining follow in descending order where E is the lowest to pass. Grade F means the student fails. Fx is not a grade and is only used when a student is allowed to complement her/his examination.

To obtain a grade for the whole course, it is necessary that the course's objectives are achieved on all examinations. Grade from the written home examination determines the grade for the whole course. To obtain the grade E on the course, the student must have obtained the grade E on the written home examination. To obtain the grade C, the student must have obtained the grade C in the written home examination. To obtain the grade A, the grade A must be obtained on the written home examination.

The course objectives are examined as follows:

Group presentations in seminars and class discussions on issues related to international social work. Group presentations are equivalent to 5 credits and examine objectives 1, 2, 4 and 5. On seminars the grades are either pass or fail.

Individual written examination (an essay) about a chosen topic of interest. This examination is equivalent to 10 credits and examines objectives 3, 5 and 6. It is assessed with grades A-F.

Grade criteria for the A-F scale is specified by the examiner and communicated to the students through the study guide. The student will be informed about the grade criteria by the start of the course.

## Course Evaluation

During the course or close to the end, a course evaluation will be done. The results and analysis of the course evaluation will be returned to the students who completed the course and the students attending the next course.

The valuation is conducted anonymously.

## Credit Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course: The course overlaps 1SA210 Social work in an intercultural perspective, 7.5 credits and 1SA211 Social work in an intercultural perspective, 7.5 credits.

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Healy, Lynne M. (2008). *International Social Work. Professional Action in an interdependent World*. Second edition. New York: Oxford University Press. (410 p). ISBN 978-0-19-530167-0

Healy, Lynne M. & Link, Rosemary J. (2012). *Handbook of International Social Work. Human Rights, Development and the Global Profession*. New York: Oxford University Press. (534 p.). ISBN 978-0-19-533361-9

Scientific articles and reports will be distributed during the course, about 200 pages.

