



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Social Studies

1SO211 Tematisk sociologi: Arbetslivets sociologi: Utbildning, profession och arbetsdelning, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Thematic Sociology: Sociology of Working Life: Education, Profession and the Division of Labor, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Sociology

Subject

Sociology

Level

First cycle

Progression

G1F

Date of Ratification

Approved 2021-12-01.

Revised 2024-05-28. Minor revision under examination and new standard formulation under examination and course evaluation.

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2024.

Prerequisites

A minimum of 45 credits in Sociology or the equivalent.

Objectives

Upon completion of the course, students shall be able to:

- Identify key sociological knowledge areas within the research fields of education, profession and working life, and describe as well as summarise the relation between education and working life.

- Define sociological concepts and summarise theories and significant research findings concerning A) The relationship between market, state and concerned parties in the organisation of education, profession and working life; B) The power relations and conditions within the working life and the groups included, excluded or marginalised in relation to this as well as why; C) The role social class, gender, ethnicity and age have in relation to the relationships and power relations within the fields of education, profession and working life.
- Orally as well as in writing, discuss the meaning of concepts and theories within sociology on education, working life and profession, as well as apply these and adopt a critical approach to the strengths and weaknesses that characterise different perspectives.

Content

The course discusses sociological perspectives on the organisation and social stratification of the working life. The course also discusses issues concerning the social relation between education and working life, aspects of different professional groups and professional actions as well as issues concerning the power distribution between different groups such as social class, gender, ethnicity and age in the labour market and in the working life. Issues concerning vulnerability, marginalisation and inclusion/exclusion in the working life and on the labour market are looked into.

Type of Instruction

Teaching takes place in the form of lectures, seminars and workshops. The seminars (4 sessions) are compulsory. The compulsory elements are not examination elements but are, however, required in order to receive a final grade in the course.

Examination

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

Examination of the course objectives takes place by means of an individual written exam. All the compulsory elements must also be completed before the final grade in the course can be obtained.

In order to receive a grade of Pass, the course objectives must be attained.

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

Bengtsson, Mattias & Berglund, Tomas (eds.) (2017) *Arbetslivet*. (3rd edition) Lund: Studentlitteratur. (approx. 500 pages) ISBN: 9789144113326

Friedman, Sam & Laurison, Daniel (2019). *The Class Ceiling. Why it Pays to be*

Privileged. Bristol: Policy Press (pp. 1-227, 227 pages)
An additional 300 pages of scientific publications and reports.