



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Social Studies

1SO213 Tematisk sociologi: Medicinsk sociologi: Hälsa, samhälle och välfärd, 7,5 högskolepoäng

1SO213 Thematic Sociology: Medical Sociology: Health, Society and Welfare, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Sociology

Subject Group

Sociology

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1F

Date of Ratification

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The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2023

Prerequisites

A minimum of 45 credits in Sociology, or the equivalent.

Objectives

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

- Identify and account for key sociological perspectives, theories and concepts within the field of medical sociology.
- Describe in what ways social dividing lines (such as gender, social class, ethnicity, age, impairment) may impact people's health, health outcomes and illness in and outside the working life.
- Account for sociological theories concerning interaction, behaviour and corporeality in relation to subjective suffering and experiences of illness.
- Define sociological concepts and summarise theories and significant research findings concerning profession and medicalisation, for instance the relation

between medical research, doctor and patient.

- Orally and in writing, present and discuss theoretical reasonings and research findings within medical sociology and adopt a critical approach to issues concerning health aspects in relation to the individual, organisation and society.

Content

The course discusses sociological perspectives on research into the field of health/ill-health in relation to the society, organisation and individual. The course starts with an introduction to the central perspectives in medical sociology and subsequently looks into issues concerning social stratification and health/ill-health in relation to for instance gender, social class, age and ethnicity in and outside the working life. Issues concerning the profession and medicalisation as well as the understanding of illness and suffering from a more subjective point of view are also discussed.

Type of Instruction

Teaching takes place in the form of lectures, seminars and workshops. The seminars (4 sessions) are compulsory. The compulsory components 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 take-home exam. All the compulsory elements must also be completed in order to receive a final grade in the course.

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

A retake of the examination is provided in accordance with the Local Regulations for First-Cycle and Second-Cycle Courses and Examination at Linnaeus University.

Should the university determine that a student is entitled to special educational support due to impairment, the examiner may provide the student with an adapted test or the student may carry out the examination in an alternative way.

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 new students at the following course date. The course evaluation is conducted anonymously.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Hallerstedt, Gunilla (2006). *Diagnosens makt: om kunskap, pengar och lidande*. (128 pages) ISBN: 9171732381

Rostila, Mikael & Toivanen, Susanna (eds.) (2018). *Den orättvisa hälsan: om socioekonomiska skillnader i hälsa och livslängd*. Edition 2, Stockholm: Liber. (299 pages) ISBN 9789147113545

White, Kevin (2016) *An Introduction to the Sociology of Health and Illness*. Third edition. London: Sage (226 pages) ISBN: 9781473982086

Scientific publications and reports comprising circa 200 pages also included.