



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Criminology and Police Work

2PA02U Brott i nära relationer, 4 högskolepoäng

Domestic violence, 4 credits

### **Main field of study**

Police Work

### **Subject Group**

Other Subjects within Social Science

### **Level of classification**

First Level

### **Progression**

G2F

### **Date of Ratification**

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2020-06-17

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2020

### **Prerequisites**

1PA01U, Basic police work, 8 credits

1PA02U, Criminology and crime prevention, 6 credits

1PA03U, Advanced course in criminal investigation, 6 credits

1PA04U, Juvenile crime, 3 credits.

An additional 37 credits in the main field of study Police Work, or the equivalent.

## Objectives

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

- account for the aspects of domestic violence from the historical perspective as well as from a gender perspective
- account for various explanatory models of domestic violence
- explain and compare the working methods of the police and prosecutor in relation to initial and secondary measures in view of crime investigation
- account for and apply the legal rules and procedures in force concerning domestic violence, in an impartial and empathetic manner and in compliance with the rule of law
- evaluate critically and discuss their own application of the legal rules and procedures in relation to domestic violence
- independently analyse and conduct initial assessments of threats and risks
- describe how the police cooperate with other authorities and organisations on cases concerning domestic violence and children
- compare and distinguish between domestic violence and honour related violence
- explain honour related violence and the underlying mechanisms.

## Content

The course focuses on domestic violence and the parties involved in such situations. The emphasis is placed on the initial measures taken by the police in such cases, where special difficulties follow on a crime being committed between people with close and emotional ties to one another. This is looked into in relation to the practical police work. The course also provides an introduction to various explanatory models applied concerning domestic violence, as well as violence against women in the historical and gender-related context. Consequences of violence and possible help for the man as well as the woman are discussed, which also includes violence in same-sex relationships and honour-related violence.

The course also takes on the child perspective, where the consequences of violence for the child are discussed, and children's vulnerability in general terms. The child perspective also includes highlighting various forms of rehabilitation for children. The course involves advanced study of the law, which the students have studied in the previous courses in criminal law and civil law. This covers for instance legislation concerning family relations and the possibilities that the authorities have concerning interventions.

The course includes case work as well as applied exercises. The exercise Domestic Violence entails that the students through patrol duty take the initial measures required at domestic violence. This includes implementing theoretical knowledge in the practical police work. Special emphasis is placed on having an impartial, professional and empathetic approach in relation to the parties involved, as well as supporting the victim, which increases the possibility of helping them participate in the legal process that follows.

## Type of Instruction

Teaching is conducted by the use of problem-based methods. Knowledge acquisition in the elements takes place through base group work, supervision, seminars, lectures, literature studies and practical application. Skills training takes place through demonstrations, practical exercises, supervision and lectures. The element Exercise in domestic violence is compulsory.

## 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 writing two individual papers with reflections on parts of the course literature, and through a written exam divided into police knowledge and law.

In order to receive a grade of Pass, students are required to clearly demonstrate in all examinations that the course objectives have been attained.

To be awarded a grade of Pass with Distinction, it is required that the written exam is assessed as Pass with Distinction.

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

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

### *Required reading*

Heimer, Gun, Björk, Annika, Albért, Ulla och Haraldsdotter, Ylva (2019). Chapter: Mäns våld mot kvinnor, pp. 57-90 (34 p.) in *Våldsutsatta kvinnor - samhällets ansvar*, 4th ed. Studentlitteratur AB. ISBN: 9789144126777.

Tiby, Eva & Sörberg, Anna-Maria (2006). *En studie om homofoba hatbrott i Sverige*. Stockholm: Forum för levande historia, (52 p.) ISBN: 9197607347.

Wikan, Unni. (2020). *Om Heder*. Göteborg: Daidalos, (277 p.) ISBN: 9789171735843.

### *Additional study material*

Brottsförebyggande rådet (2017). *Polisiära arbetssätt för att förebygga upprepat partnervåld – med fokus på våldsutövare*. Brå rapport 2017:13 (100 p.)

Polismyndigheten (2019). *Utredning av Brott i nära relation*, Polismyndighetens metodstöd, (50 p.)

Polismyndigheten (2020). *Handbok Hedersrelaterad brottslighet - Metodstöd, Del 1: Teori*. Polismyndigheten, Nationella operativa avdelningen, Stockholm, (28 p.).

Polismyndigheten. (2020). *Handbok Hedersrelaterad brottslighet - Metodstöd, Del 2: Praktik*. Polismyndigheten, Nationella operativa avdelningen, Stockholm, (46 p.).

Rikspolisstyrelsen. (2009). *Handbok Brott i nära relation*. (73 p.)

Åklagarmyndigheten Utvecklingscentrum Göteborg. (2006/2017). *Handbok Handläggning av brott i nära relation*. (45 p.)

Åklagarmyndigheten Utvecklingscentrum Göteborg. (2019) *Brott mot barn – Åklagarens barnhandbok*. (88 p.)

Åklagarmyndigheten Utvecklingscentrum Göteborg. (2014). *Handbok Hedersrelaterat våld*. (65 p.)

Åklagarmyndigheten Utvecklingscentrum Göteborg. (2014) *Handbok Kontaktförbud*. (100 p.)

Åklagarmyndigheten Utvecklingscentrum Göteborg. (2012). *Handbok Bemötande av brottsoffer*. (6 p.)

### One of the following codified laws, no more than three years old:

Sveriges Lag, Lund: Studentlitteratur AB. ISBN: 9789144126173. Approx. 100 pages.

Sveriges Rikes Lag, Stockholm: Nordstedts Juridik, ISBN: 9789139021254. Approx. 100 pages.

JUNO (available on the Internet through the Linnaeus University library).

Additional current reports, legal cases and articles as per instructions given, approximately 200 pages.