



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Criminology and Police Work

2PA400 Fördjupningskurs II i polisiärt arbete, 15 högskolepoäng

2PA400 Advanced course II in police work, 15 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 2022-12-12

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2023

Prerequisites

In addition to general entry requirements for higher education, 120 credits in police work is required as well as completed police officer trainee training or completed first-cycle programme in police work. Advanced course I in police work (30 credits), or 1-60 credits in social sciences or law.

Objectives

Module 1: Individually selected field of research in police work, 7.5 credits

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

- account for problems related to the profession and give suggestions on how to look into the problems in a scientific manner,
- account for relevant theories within an individually selected field of research in police work,
- account for the current state of research within the individually selected field of research in police work.

Module 2: Research methods in social sciences, 7.5 credits

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

- define a scientifically supported research issue within the field of police work,

- account for and justify the choice of scientific method in relation to the stated research issues in police work,
- evaluate and reflect on aspects of research ethics,
- produce a thesis plan with established accuracy and reference management.

Content

The course consists of two modules and the aim of the course is for students to enhance the knowledge of research methods and theoretical concepts in social sciences, relevant to analyses of police work. One important feature of the course concerns how you proceed from actual issues related to the professional role to defining research issues and study police method development.

Module 1: Individually selected field of research in police work, 7.5 credits

The course is focused on advanced knowledge of main research domains within the field of police work and the associated relevant theories and theoretical concepts. The module includes the different steps of the research process, focusing on the definition of research issues and theoretical outsets.

Module 2: Research methods in social sciences, 7.5 credits

The module deals with the methodological outsets of the research process. The aim of the module is to provide knowledge of qualitative and quantitative research methods, specialising in the student's individual choice of method. The module also discusses research ethical issues in relation to police work.

Type of Instruction

Teaching takes place in the form of lectures and seminars.

Examination

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

Module 1: Individually selected field of research in police work, 7.5 credits

Examination of the objectives takes place individually by means of a written assignment on research issue definition (3 credits) and a take-home exam in theoretical application (4.5 credits).

Module 2: Research methods in social sciences, 7.5 credits

Examination of the objectives takes place by means of a take-home exam in quantitative methods (3 credits) and a thesis plan (4.5 credits) including discussion in a seminar.

In order to receive a grade of Pass in the entire course, all the examination elements must be assessed as Pass. For a grade of Pass with Distinction in the entire course, the grade Pass with Distinction is required for at least 10.5 credits out of 15 credits.

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.

Credit Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following course/courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course: 2PX901, 15 credits, 2PX90E, 15 credits and 2PA90E, 15 credits.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Module 1: Individually selected field of research in police work, 7.5 credits

Alvehus, Johan. (Latest edition). *Problemformulering*. Edition 1 Lund: Studentlitteratur. (110 p.)

Course compendium provided by the department, and a selection of literature that the student selects in consultation with the teacher, comprising approximately 700 pages.

Module 2: Research methods in social sciences, 7.5 credits

Bryman, Alan (latest edition). *Samhällsvetenskapliga metoder*. Third edition. Stockholm: Liber. (877 p.)

Barmark, Mimmi & Djurfeldt, Göran. (Latest edition). *Statistisk verktygslåda 0: att förstå och förändra världen med siffror*. 1st edition. Lund: Studentlitteratur. (198 p.)

A selection of literature that the student selects in consultation with the teacher, comprising approximately 700 pages.