



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Criminology and Police Work

2PX90E Examensarbete för kandidatexamen med inriktning mot polisiärt arbete, 15 högskolepoäng

Bachelor's degree in police work,, 15 credits

Main field of study

Police Work

Subject Group

Other Subjects within Social Science

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G2E

Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2019-04-24

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2019

Prerequisites

General entry requirements and passed courses equivalent to 120 credits in social sciences, behavioural sciences or law, of which 60 credits in the main field of study police work or the equivalent.

Objectives

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

- Identify problem formulations, theories and research findings within the field of social sciences in relation to police work.
- Identify and define a relevant research problem within police work and actively search out, select and apply analytical tools to discuss and highlight this problem, theoretically as well as empirically.
- Compile, review critically as well as rigorously and with clarity convey the results of their own major learning and research process, in writing as well as orally.
- Plan and structure their own work and learning process, as well as monitor the knowledge development in police work.
- Evaluate and in a constructive manner discuss fellow students' papers by the use of scientific awareness.
- Defend their own paper and discuss this as well as the papers of fellow students' in relation to relevant societal and ethical aspects.

Content

The aim of the course is for students to enhance their knowledge and skills in the direction of increased professional and scientific competence. The course offers the students the opportunity to independently engage in a subject relevant to the field of police work. Students shall identify, define and analyse a research problem relevant to the field of police work, in order to obtain deepened insights into the research by conducting an independent scientific study, and by the use of discussions reflect on and in a constructive manner contribute to the development of their own paper as well as those of fellow students.

Type of Instruction

Teaching takes place by means of physical meetings in the form of supervision, individually as well as in groups, and through the virtual learning environment. Participation in seminars is compulsory. A central feature is the discussion of the course content in seminars, and the reflection on the students' own experiences from police work. Compulsory component: Thesis seminar, Seminar 1.

Examination

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

Examination of the intended learning outcomes takes place by means of three components:

- A written independent project in the form of a Bachelor's essay.
- Defending the paper.
- Public discussion and examination of another student's paper.

In order to receive a grade of Pass in the course, the student is required to pass all the examination components. To be awarded a grade of Pass with Distinction in the course, it is required that the Bachelor's essay is assessed as Pass with Distinction and the other examination components must be assessed as Pass.

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 has the right 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 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.

Other

Students who in some other context have completed a research assignment within the field of social sciences of a similar kind and scope as the independent project in this course, may apply for credit transfer of their independent project. At such an application, the documents concerned are examined by the Director of studies, who makes an assessment of whether or not the entire paper may be considered completed, or if there are any elements that require additional work, or if credit transfer is not granted.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Vetenskapsrådet (latest edition). *God forskningssed*. Stockholm: Vetenskapsrådet. (80 p.) Available on the Internet.

Scientific articles and other literature, comprising approximately 2,000 pages, determined in consultation between student and supervisor.