



## Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Health, Social Work and Behavioural Sciences  
School of Social Work

2SA025 Sociala interventioner och perspektiv på missbruk, 7,5  
högskolepoäng

Social interventions and perspectives on substance abuse, 7.5 credits

### **Subject Group**

Social Work and Social Welfare

### **Level of classification**

First Level

### **Progression**

G2F

### **Date of Ratification**

Approved by the Board of the School of Social Sciences 2012-12-17

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2013

### **Prerequisites**

Successfully completed courses in Social Work, 60 credits in Social Work Programme from semesters 1-3 as well as 15 credits in Law or equivalent.

## Objectives

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

- critically account for central theoretical perspectives and outlooks on use and abuse of alcohol and narcotics,
- account for and reflect over abusers' living conditions, social context and social interventions,
- critically examine current research on use and abuse of alcohol and narcotics,

## Content

The course contains the following parts:

- Abuse as a social problem on the basis of normality, deviation, social exclusion, control and intersectionality.
- The road to and from treatment of abuse, impeding and promoting factors, "self-healing".
- Social relations and network of the abuser.
- Governing factors during social welfare's decision regarding interventions and the client's participation.
- Substance abuse treatment's content, organisation, magnitude, voluntary care and custodial care in a historical and contemporary perspective.
- Outcomes of treatment interventions, evidence-based practice.

## Type of Instruction

Teaching is in the form of lectures, seminars and group discussions.

## Examination

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

The goals of the course are examined through a written work with a basis in vignette case studies. The examination comprises 7.5 credits.

In order to receive a grade of Pass, students must fulfil all course objectives, the written work must be of good quality and anchored in course literature, the discussions and argumentations must be relevant and not merely summaries of the course literature and the work must be carried out with scientific stringency.

For a grade of Pass with credit, in addition to the above, the work must be of consistently good quality and contain significant analytical discussions that are anchored in course literature as well as independent reflections.

A resit examination is offered within six weeks after the original examination (within the framework for regular examination hours).

## Course Evaluation

At the end of every course, a written course evaluation is carried out. The course evaluations are compiled and archived and the results are fed back to the students via the course co-ordinator.

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Pelissier, B & Jones, N. (2005). *A review of Gender Differences Among Substance Abusers*. *Crime and Delinquency*, 51 (3): 343–372. (29 p.)

Fahlke, C. (Red.). (2012). *Handbok i missbrukspsykologi*. Malmö: Liber. [Selected parts equivalent to 200-250 p.].

Forskningsrådet för arbetsliv och socialvetenskap. (2009). *Missbruk och behandling – gamla problem, nya lösningar?* Stockholm: FAS. [Available on [http: www.fas.se/upload/dokument/publiktioner/pdf/Missbruk.pdf](http://www.fas.se/upload/dokument/publiktioner/pdf/Missbruk.pdf)]. (79 p.).

Jakobsson, A., Hensing, G. & Spak, F. (2008). *The role of gendered conceptions in treatment seeking for alcohol problems*. *Scandinavian Journal of Caring Science*, 22: 196–202. (7 p.).

Lalander, P. (2005). *Mellan självvalt och påtvingat utanförskap. En analys av sju kvalitativa studier om unga narkotikaerfarna människors tankar om narkotika*. Stockholm: Mobi-lisering mot narkotika. [Available as pdf-file on Moodle2]. (72 p.).

Mattsson, T. (2010). *I viljan att göra det normala – en kritisk studie av genusperspektivet i missbrukarvården*. Doktorsavhandling i socialt arbete. Second edition. Malmö: Égalité. [Available as pdf-file on Moodle 2]. (279 p.)

Palm, J. (2003). *Kvinnor & män i svensk missbruksbehandling*. En beskrivning av personalen inom socialtjänstens missbrukarvård i Stockholms län och deras syn på missbrukarvården år 2002. Stockholm: SoRAD, Stockholms universitet. [Available as pdf-file on Moodle 2]. (78 p.).