



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Social Work

2SA47E Självständigt arbete/examensarbete för kandidatexamen, 15
högskolepoäng
Degree Project, 15 credits

Main field of study

Social Work

Subject

Social Work and Social Welfare

Level

First cycle

Progression

G2E

Date of Ratification

Approved 2012-03-26.

Revised 2025-02-03. Clarification of entry requirements and addition of standard text.

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2025.

Prerequisites

For admission to the course, the following successfully completed courses are required: 1SA600 Social Work as Subject, Science and Profession 15 credits, 1SA605 Welfare State Organisation and Principles of Social Policy 15 credits, 1SA610 Social and Behavioural Science Perspectives in Social Work 15 credits, 1SA615 Communication, Approach and Management, 2SA606 Vulnerability, Conditions and Interventions on Individual, Group and Society Level 15 credits, 2SA610 Writing a Dissertation 7.5 credits, 2SA615 Evaluation in Social Work 7.5 credits, and 1JU600 Introduction to the Legal System and Social Law 15 credits or 1SA620 Legal Aspects in Social Work: Introduction to the Legal System and Social Law 15 credits.

Objectives

Upon completion of the course the student shall:

- demonstrate the ability to critically study theory formations and analytical perspectives in the field of social sciences
- demonstrate the ability and skills for writing an academic paper by formulating, analysing and reflecting over a research question as well as responding to a research question linked to the subject of social work
- demonstrate the ability to analyse self-gathered empirical material by using the relevant theoretical perspective
- be able to link research questions within the field to ethical standpoints and in turn develop a professional and critically reflective attitude

Content

- Completion of an independent academic project worth 15 credits, concerning the formulation of a research question relevant to the field of social work
- Defence of the individual project (as author) and analysis, review and evaluation of another paper (as reviewer)

Type of Instruction

Supervision – individual, in pairs or in groups and examination seminar.

Examination

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

Assessment of the individual student achievements takes place through an assessment of the degree project during a seminar in which the student defends their work and serves as a student reviewer of another degree project.

To be awarded the grade of Pass (G) in the entire course, the student is required to demonstrate knowledge in accordance with the course objectives. Criteria for the grade of Pass with Distinction (VG) are stated in the course documents.

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.

In the event a student with a disability is entitled to special study support, the examiner will decide on adapted or alternative examination arrangements.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation should be conducted during the course or in connection with its conclusion. The results and analysis of the completed course evaluation should be promptly communicated to students who have completed the course. Students participating in the next course instance should be informed of the results of the previous course evaluation and any improvements that have been made, no later than at the start of the course.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

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Choice of the relevant literature shall take place in consultation with the supervisor and be linked to the individual project. (Approx. 2000 pages).