



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences  
Department of Social Work

2SA610 Uppsats och projektarbete, 7,5 högskolepoäng  
Writing a Dissertation, 7.5 credits

### **Subject**

Social Work and Social Welfare

### **Level**

First cycle

### **Progression**

G2F

### **Date of Ratification**

Approved 2010-12-06.

Revised 2022-12-12. Revision of course literature.

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2023.

### **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, and 1JU600 Introduction to the Legal System and Social Law 15 credits.

### **Objectives**

#### **Intended learning outcomes**

After completing the course, students shall be able to:

- define a research problem relevant to the field of social work,
- account for theories and previous research relevant to the chosen research problem,

- independently and with a critical approach search for scientific literature within the given field of knowledge and apply this.

### **Competence and skills**

After completing the course, students shall be able to:

- apply quantitative methods for the collection and processing of empirical data,
- analyse the acquired data by the help of social scientific theories and the state of the art within the field of social work,
- plan and conduct a study and present it as a coherent academic text in compliance with established requirements on form and linguistics,
- demonstrate the ability to conduct a critical reasoning on their own study as well as that of others.

### **Judgement and approach**

After completing the course, students shall be able to:

- explain and apply research ethical principles and approval.

### **Content**

- Conduct an independent academic study comprising 7.5 credits.
- Defend the study (as the author of a thesis) and perform an analysis, review and examination of another paper (as student reviewer).
- Individual and professional development, IPD.

### **Type of Instruction**

Teaching consists of lectures and supervision. Attendance is compulsory or required for parts of the course, which is stipulated in the course study guidelines.

### **Examination**

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

Examination takes place by means of the student writing a paper and defending this at a public discussion and examination seminar where the student also analyses, reviews and examines another student's paper.

Examination also takes place by participation in the course components in individual and professional development, for which compulsory attendance and active participation is required, worth 0.5 credits.

A retake of the exam is offered within six weeks after the scheduled examination date (within the scope of the regular semester period).

## Course Evaluation

A course evaluation will be conducted at the end of the course, which follows the department's web-based course evaluation template. The course evaluation is compiled and presented to the students by the course coordinator. The results are filed in accordance with the regulations of the department.

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Ahrne, Göran & Svensson, Peter. (2012). *Handbok i kvalitativa metoder*. Malmö: Liber , (245 pages).

Meeuwisse, A., Swärd, H., Eliasson-Lappalainen, R. & Jacobsson, K. (2008). *Forskningsmetodik för socialvetare*. Stockholm: Natur och Kultur, (280 pages).

Sohlberg, Britt-Marie och Sohlberg, Peter. *Kunskapens former: Vetenskapsteori och forskningsmetod* 4th edition. Liber. Del I pp.17-42, pp. 17-8-258, Del IV pp. 267-293