



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 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, 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

Intended learning outcomes

After completing the course, students should 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 should be able to:

- apply qualitative 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).

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

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. Part I pp.17-42, pp. 17-8-258, Part IV pp. 267-293