



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Social Work

2SA610 Uppsats och projektarbete, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Writing a Dissertation, 7.5 credits

Subject Group

Social Work and Social Welfare

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G2F

Date of Ratification

Approved 2010-12-06

Revised 2017-08-28 by Faculty of Social Sciences. Revision of objectives and content.

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2017

Prerequisites

Successfully completed courses in social work worth 60 credits and 15 credits in law or the equivalent.

Objectives

Intended learning outcomes

After completing the course, students shall be able to:

- formulate 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.

Skills and abilities

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 on 7.5 credits
- Defend the study (as the author of a thesis) and perform an analysis, review and examination of another paper (as external 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. The evaluation follows the department's web-based course evaluation template. The course evaluation will be collated and returned to the students by the course coordinator. The collated evaluation will be filed in accordance with the departmental regulations.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

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

Gilje, Nils & Grimmen, Harald. (2007 or later edition). *Samhällsvetenskapernas förutsättningar*. Göteborg: Daidalos, (316 pages, approx 250 pages in the course.)

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