



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Social Studies

2SO20E Sociologi med arbetslivsinriktning III - fördjupningskurs, 30 högskolepoäng

Sociology, specializing in working life III, 30 credits

Main field of study

Sociology

Subject Group

Sociology

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G2E

Date of Ratification

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The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2021

Prerequisites

Admission to the course requires completion of the course Sociology 31-60 credits or the equivalent.

Objectives

After completing the course, students should be able to:

- orally and in writing critically examine and apply sociological theories
- independently assess the relevance of sociological methods and applicability to empirical issues
- independently analyse social phenomena particularly relevant to the working life
- independently carry out, present and defend an independent project with scientific and sociological relevance.

Specific module objectives:

Module 1 The Craft of Theoretical Sociology, 7.5 credits

Upon completion of the module, students shall be able to:

- identify and critically study the relation between theory and empiricism
- independently carry out and study the basic theoretical steps within the research process.

Module 2 Sociological Analysis, 7.5 credits

Upon completion of the module, students shall be able to:

- critically examine the applicability of qualitative and quantitative methods for the study of the working life
- independently analyse, systemize and compile scientific knowledge in a research overview relevant to the independent project.

Module 3 Thesis, 15 credits

Upon completion of the module, students shall be able to:

- apply a research method relevant to the independent project
- independently plan and carry out an empirical study on the basis of a concrete sociological research question relevant to the working life
- in writing, present and defend an independent project of scientific relevance.

Content

The course consists of three modules.

Module 1 The Craft of Theoretical Sociology 7.5 credits

The course is a specialisation in the previous theoretical and methodological first-cycle courses. The emphasis is placed on deepening the understanding of the relation between problem, theory, method and empiricism. Through lectures and workshops, the students are given the opportunity to practice the method of analysing how this relation has been constructed in classical and contemporary sociological works. The course literature is used as practice material and is chosen based on the intention that it shall reflect different common strategies and reasonings within the field of sociology. The course is aimed at giving the students the opportunity to examine advanced sociological literature, and provide a basis for them to conduct their own creative as well as theoretically and methodically informed sociological studies.

Module 2 Sociological Analysis 7.5 credits

The module discusses the realisation of a sociological analysis and the planning of an individual study. Students practice the method of analysis through workshops and exercises. The students shall also plan a research project by the use of a problematizing research overview relevant to the following degree project.

Module 3 Thesis 15 credits

The principal element of this module is writing and defending a thesis of limited extent of sociological and scientific relevance, comprising 15 credits. The student shall plan and carry out the independent project under the supervision of their supervisor. Regular supervision is provided during the course, in groups and/or individually. The module also includes carrying out a public discussion and examination of another thesis.

Type of Instruction

Teaching consists of lectures, group exercises, supervision and seminars.

Examination

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

Examination of the modules *The Craft of Theoretical Sociology* and *Sociological Analysis* takes place by means of individual written assignments.

Examination of the thesis takes place by means of writing, presenting and defending the individual thesis and through the public discussion and examination of another thesis.

To be awarded a final grade of Pass with Distinction (VG) in the entire course, it is required that more than 50% of the modules are assessed as Pass with Distinction

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Course Evaluation

A course evaluation is carried out either during or at the end of the course. Results and analysis are presented to the students who have completed the course, as well as to new students at the following course date. The course evaluation is conducted anonymously.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

List of references Module 1 - The Craft of Theoretical Sociology 7.5 credits

Swedberg, R. (Ed.). (2014). *Theorizing in social science: The context of discovery*. Stanford University Press. (251 p.)

Rienecker, L., & Jørgensen, P. S. (2018). *Att skriva en bra uppsats*. Liber. (selected pages, ca. 150 p.)

Additional literature comprising about 300 pages will be added as per the teacher's instructions.

List of references Module 2 - Sociological Analysis 7.5 credits

Creswell, John W. (Latest edition). *Research design. Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches*. Sage Publications. (270 p.)

Djurfeldt, Göran, Larsson, Rolf & Stjärnhagen, Ola. (Latest edition). *Statistisk verktygslåda 1: samhällsvetenskaplig orsaksanalys med kvantitativa metoder*. Lund: Studentlitteratur, (480 p.)

Rennstam, Jens & Wästerfors, David. (Latest edition). *Från stoff till studie: om analysarbete i kvalitativ forskning*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. (197 p.)

Articles are chosen in consultation with the teachers, 200-300 p.

Works of Reference

Becker, Howard S. (Latest edition). *Tricks of the trade: yrkesknep för samhällsvetare*. 1st ed. Malmö: Liber, 219 p. (Also available in English)

List of references Module 3 - Thesis 15 credits

Rienecker, Lotte och Jørgensen, Peter Stray (2008). *Att skriva en bra uppsats*. Malmö: Liber, (416 p.) ISBN 9789147111510.

Other literature is chosen in consultation with the course coordinator. (416 p.)