



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Social Work

4SA712 Socialvetenskaplig teoribildning och socialt arbete, 15
högskolepoäng

Social science theories and social work, 15 credits

Main field of study

Social Work

Subject Group

Social Work and Social Welfare

Level of classification

Second Level

Progression

A1N

Date of Ratification

Approved 2014-12-10

Revised 2017-10-31 by Faculty of Social Sciences.

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2018

Prerequisites

General entry requirements for studies at second-cycle level, plus specific entry requirements, Bachelor of Science in Social Work, or equivalent degree within the social sciences.

Objectives

Knowledge and understanding

Upon completion of the course the student will be able to understand aspects of society and social relations based on a social science perspective and problem issues relevant to social work. Additionally, the student will acquire deepened knowledge of using theories within social work research.

Skills and abilities

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to conduct complex analyses of perspectives within the social sciences and problem issues relevant to social work. Additionally, the student will be able to use social science theories to analyse and critically assess complex social processes.

Evaluation ability and approach

Upon completion of the course, the student will show clear critical thinking abilities and the ability to scrutinise and evaluate complex social phenomena within social work

Content

- Society's influence on people's living conditions, with special focus on social work
- The importance of research from within the social sciences for social work
- Theories and concepts within social sciences related to inequality, power and social work
- Organisations working with people and their importance to social work

Type of Instruction

Teaching is based on actively seeking knowledge, critical thinking and problem-solving. The course is primarily based on individual studies, but is complemented with lectures, group discussions, seminars and web-based teaching.

The content will be specified in the course documents. Components with compulsory attendance will be clearly stipulated in the course documents.

Examination

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

The course outcomes are examined by an assessment of the student's individual performance. Partly through a written take-home examination worth 7.5 credits which examines the compulsory course literature, and an additional paper worth 7.5 credits that examines the literature chosen.

To be awarded a grade of Pass for the entire course, Pass is required for both examinations. To receive a grade of Pass with Distinction for the entire course, a Pass with Distinction is required for both examinations.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation is continually conducted throughout the course, with oral feedback. A written evaluation is completed at the end of the course, in accordance with the department's course evaluation plan. The course evaluation is compiled and communicated to the students, and then filed in accordance with the departmental regulations.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Axelsson, Thom., & Qvarsebo, Jonas. (2017). *Maktens skepnader och effekter: maktanalys i Foucaults anda*. Lund: Studentlitteratur, (183 pages).

Chambon, Adrienne, S., Irving, Allan & Epstein, Laura. (Latest edition). *Reading Foucault for social work*. New York: Colombia: University Press, (292 pages).

Knutagård, Marcus. (Latest edition). *Skälens fångar. Hemlöshetens organisering, kategorisering och förklaringar*. Malmö: Egalité, (333 pages).

Perrow, Charles. (Latest edition). *Complex Organizations. A Critical Essay*. New York: McGrawHill Inc., (307 pages).

Rose, Nikolas. (Latest edition). *Governing the soul – Shaping the private self*. London: Free association books, (319 pages).

Tilly, Charles. (Latest edition). *Beständig ojämlikhet*. Lund: Arkiv förlag, (272 pages).

Additional scientific articles (approx. 150 pages), chosen in consultation with the examiner.