



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Social Studies

4SO408 Självständigt arbete, 15 högskolepoäng

4SO408 Thesis, 15 credits

Main field of study

Sociology

Subject Group

Sociology

Level of classification

Second Level

Progression

A1E

Date of Ratification

Approved 2009-07-15

Revised 2019-09-05 by Faculty of Social Sciences. Clarification of course objectives.
The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2020

Prerequisites

General entry requirements for second cycle studies and specific entry requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in Sociology or equivalent
- Swedish B and English A or equivalent

or meet the requirements for admission to freestanding course after individual assessment.

Objectives

After completing the course, the student shall be able to:

- independently define, develop and conduct a research project with adequate methods and theories with relevance to scientific theories and to the specific research issue
- demonstrate ability to make assessments of own and others' research work taking into account relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects
- write an academic paper that provides a contribution to the area of knowledge
- defend the own thesis at a public discussion and examination
- carry out a public discussion and examination of another student's academic

paper

Content

The main element of the course is the writing and defence of a thesis of limited scope. The paper must be based on an independent project and hold scientific relevance. The course also includes carrying out a public discussion and examination of another thesis.

Type of Instruction

Teaching consists of supervision and seminars.

Examination

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

For the grade Pass, the course objectives must be achieved. The essay will be examined orally and in writing at a seminar.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation will be carried out at the end of the course in accordance with the guidelines of Linnaeus University. The next time the course is given the students are informed of the results of the previous course evaluation and any changes that have been made in the course. The course evaluation is conducted anonymously.

Other

This course is included in the Master's Programme 60 credits and the Master's Programme 120 credits in Sociology, and is also given as a freestanding course. The course syllabus is applied for admitted students to the Master's Programme 60 credits and 120 credits as well as for admitted students to the freestanding course. Students who have completed the course with approved results may on request obtain a course certificate.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

The literature required is selected in consultation with the supervisor.