



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Social Studies

4SO410 Sociologi: Självständigt arbete, 15 högskolepoäng

Sociology: Master (One Year) Thesis, 15 credits

Main field of study

Sociology

Subject Group

Sociology

Level of classification

Second Level

Progression

A1E

Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2020-05-13

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2021

Prerequisites

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

- Bachelor's degree in Sociology or the equivalent
- 22.5 credits in the main field of study Sociology at the second-cycle level
- Swedish 3/B and English 5/A or the equivalent

Objectives

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

- independently define, develop and conduct an academic study with adequate methods and theories relevant to the main field of study and the specific research problem,
- evaluate their own research as well as that of others, taking into account relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects,
- in a defined research assignment, integrate knowledge as well as analyse, assess and discuss complex phenomena, issues and situations,
- write an academic paper that provides a contribution to the field of knowledge in question,
- 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 planning and conducting an academic study of limited extent on a research problem relevant to the main field of study. The assignment entails writing a thesis and the student shall also scientifically and ethically evaluate and critically examine previous research in relation to the chosen problem definition. The students shall also participate in a public discussion and examination where they shall defend their own paper as well as serve as the student reviewer for another student's paper.

Type of Instruction

Teaching consists of supervision.

Examination

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

Examination of the course takes place by writing a thesis, defending the thesis orally in a seminar, and serving as the student reviewer for another student's thesis in a public discussion and examination seminar.

In order to receive a grade of Pass in the course, the course objectives must be attained. For a grade of Pass with Distinction in the course, it is required that all three examination elements are assessed as Pass with Distinction.

A retake of the examination is provided in accordance with the Local Regulations for First-Cycle and Second-Cycle Courses and Examination at Linnaeus University.

Should the university determine that a student is entitled to special educational support due to impairment, the examiner may provide the student with an adapted test or the student may carry out the examination in an alternative way.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation is carried out either during or at the end of the course. Results and analysis of the evaluation 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.

Credit Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course: 4SO408, 15 credits.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Literature is chosen in consultation with the supervisor, approximately 2,000 pages.