



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Social Studies

5SO50E Sociologi, Självständigt arbete, 15 högskolepoäng

Sociology, Master thesis, 15 credits

### **Main field of study**

Sociology

### **Subject Group**

Sociology

### **Level of classification**

Second Level

### **Progression**

A2E

### **Date of Ratification**

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2021-01-27

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2022

### **Prerequisites**

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

Degree of Bachelor of Sociology

60 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:

- with a high level of independence define, develop and conduct an academic study with adequate methods and theories relevant to the main field of study and the specific research issue chosen
- 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 and analyse, evaluate and discuss complex phenomena, issues and situations
- write an academic paper that contributes to the field of knowledge in question
- in a public discussion and examination, defend their own paper by the use of scientifically based arguments
- carry out a public discussion and examination of another student's academic paper

## Content

The course involves writing a master thesis in which the students shall develop their ability to plan, conduct and present a qualified academic study. The course includes collecting, processing and analysing data and writing a report, and participating in seminars where the findings/reports/studies are presented and defended.

## Type of Instruction

Writing a master thesis by the help of supervision.

## Examination

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

The master thesis is presented orally as well as in writing. The student shall in a final examination seminar present in writing and orally defend the study in its entirety, as well as critically discuss and examine another student's study.

In order to receive a grade of Pass in the course, all the course objectives must be attained. For a grade of Pass with Distinction in the course, the master thesis requires the grade of Pass with Distinction and the other examination elements require a grade of Pass.

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: 5SO530 Master thesis, 30 credits

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

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