

Syllabus

Introduction to Public Health Sciences: A brief overview

3.0 Credits

Code: PH018F1

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Level within study regulation: Third cycle

Course modules

Examination I. Individually written home exam, 1.5 Credits

Examination II. Active participation at a seminar, 1.5 Credits

1. Entry requirements

No Translation Available

2. Learning outcomes

In order to receive a passing grade on the course, students are expected to be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

1. Describe the social science perspective on public health sciences.
2. Explain the social science perspective on public health sciences from a historical perspective.

Skills and abilities

3. Apply a social science perspective on public health sciences.

Judgement and approach

4. Reflect on how the social science perspective can contribute compared to other perspectives regarding the student's own doctoral project.

3. Content

The purpose of the course is to introduce the social science perspective in public health to students with limited or no prior knowledge in public health sciences. The course provides a historical contextualization of the social science perspective in public health sciences, an overview of the main theoretical frameworks and fundamental concepts.

4. Mandatory exams

There are two seminars with mandatory active participation. Active participation at the first seminar is a course requirement, whereas active participation at the second seminar is one of the course examinations. In case of absence or insufficient participation, the student will be given a compensatory assignment.

5. Forms of examination

a) Forms of examination

Examination I. A written home exam

Learning outcomes 1 and 2 are examined through a written home exam (1.5 credits). Grading will be based on a two-point grading scale (G=Pass, U=Fail).

Examination II. Active participation at a seminar

Learning outcomes 3 and 4 are examined through active participation at a seminar (1.5 credits). Grading will be based on a two-point grading scale (G=Pass, U=Fail). In case of absence or insufficient participation, the student will be given a compensatory assignment.

Course requirement

In connection with examination I, there is a seminar with mandatory participation. In case of absence or insufficient participation, the student will be given a compensatory assignment.

Language

The examination will be in English.

Certificate of special pedagogical support

For students who have a certificate from Stockholm University with a recommendation for special educational support, the examiner can decide to customize the teaching, give a customized test or let the student complete the test in an alternative way.

b) Course grade

The course grade will be given as follows:

G=Pass
U=Fail

c) Grading criteria

The grading criteria will be presented to the students in writing when the course begins.

d) Final grade

In order to receive a passing grade in the course, the student must receive a passing grade in examination I and II, as well as attend the seminar given in connection with examination I (or fulfil the corresponding compensatory assignment).

If there are special reasons, the examiner may, after consultation with the responsible teacher, grant the student exemption from the obligation to participate in certain mandatory teaching or completion of mandatory parts. The student can then be assigned a compensation assignment.

e) Examinations

For each time the course is taught, at least three examinations must normally be offered within one year. In a year when the course is not taught, at least one examination must be offered.

Students who receive a failing grade two consecutive times from the same examiner have the right to request a different examiner to grade the examination. This request should be made to the Director of Studies.

f) Supplementary revisions

Supplementary revisions should be submitted within a week after the examiner has announced the need for revisions.

g) Late submission

Late submission is not accepted in this course. In such cases, the student is referred to the retake exam.

6. Form of instruction

The teaching will be based on lectures and seminars.

Active participation in the seminars is mandatory. In case of absence from, or insufficient participation, in a seminar, the student will be given a compensatory assignment.

The course will be taught in English.

See the course description for more detailed information. The course description will be available at least one month before the course starts.

Plagiarism, cheating (including illicit use of AI-chat bots), and self-plagiarism is prohibited in all parts of the course.