



INSTITUTIONEN FÖR SOCIALT ARBETE

SO30010 Forskning om socialt arbete och forskaren i nationella och internationella perspektiv 7,5 hp

Social work research and the researcher in national and international perspectives, 7.5 credits

Utbildningsnivå –eller forskarnivå

Third-cycle level

Establishment

The syllabus is established by the Faculty of Social Sciences Board XXXX and most recently revised XXXX by the Department of Social Work. The revised syllabus applies from XXXX, spring term 2023.

The course is given within the framework of the National Graduate School in Social Work and can be included in a doctoral degree in social work.

Area of Studies: Social work

Responsible department: Department of Social Work, University of Gothenburg

Entry requirements

The student must be admitted to a Swedish PhD program.

Since the course is given within the framework of the National Graduate School in Social Work, preference will be given to graduate students who are admitted to institutions participating in the graduate school. If space is available, other doctoral students may also be given the opportunity to participate to participate.

Learning Outcomes

A student that successfully completes the course should be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

Identify national and international research areas in social work

Identify what distinguishes social work research from other research disciplines

Identify trends in social work practice and research

Gain knowledge about the Swedish PhD education in social work

Identify the scientific and epistemological bases for social work research nationally and internationally

Competence and skills

Be able to critically reflect on and discuss theoretical and methodological approaches to social work research from different contextual perspectives

Be able to critically analyze different aspects of the quality of social work research, nationally and internationally

Be able to formulate the position of your own thesis from a scientific theoretical position and discuss that according to earlier research in social work.

Judgement and approach

Critically reflect on how your research contributes to the development of social work as an academic discipline nationally and internationally

Critically reflect on the choice of subject and method of the thesis and how they relate to contextual factors nationally and internationally

Critically reflect on research ethics positions in the student's research in social work

Content

The course focuses on social work research in a national and international context. The course covers an introduction to doctoral studies in social work in Sweden and throughout the course, students will be expected to consider the relationship between course content and activities and their own thesis research.

The course covers perspectives and definitions of social work and research areas and research in social work, nationally and internationally. Further, the course includes different aspects of trends and development in social work research nationally and internationally. It includes perspectives of scientific theory, theories, methods and research ethics in social work research nationally and internationally.

Forms of instruction

This course will be offered in hybrid form and will include lectures, seminars and group discussions led by course participants, and course readings.

Language of Instruction: English

Forms of assessment

The course is examined by one written assignment and one oral examination where students will comment on another student's thesis PM. The course includes compulsory attendance at the course's obligatory seminars. In case of absence, a supplementary assignment is required and will be completed according to the course leader's instructions.

A doctoral student who has taken two examinations for a course or part of a course without a passing result has the right to have another examiner appointed, unless there are special reasons against it (HF 6 chap 22§). Such a request must be submitted in writing to the Department of Social Work, University of Gothenburg. Students must be offered at least five opportunities to take examinations to obtain a passing result for a course or part of a course. If a course has been discontinued or has undergone major changes, the student must be guaranteed access to at least three examination opportunities (including the first examination opportunity) over a period of at least one year, based on the previous structure of the course. This must not conflict with HF Chapter 6, Section 21.

Grading

The grade Pass (G) or Fail (U) is given in this course.

A passing grade for the entire course requires a passing grade for all examination components.

Course evaluation

The course coordinators are responsible for ensuring that doctoral students are given the opportunity to provide an anonymous, written course evaluation at the end of the course. After the course is finished, the course coordinator writes a report, which includes a summary of the course evaluation. The report is processed in the National Research School and will be communicated to those doctoral students who completed the course as well as the doctoral students who will start the next course.
