



Faculty of Social and Life Sciences
Public Health Science

Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Social and Life Sciences on 23 August 2012, and is valid from the Spring semester of 2013 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: FHAVR1

Domestic Violence, 7.5 ECTS Credits

(Våld i nära relationer, 7.5 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Master

Progressive Specialisation: A1N (Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements)

Language of Instruction

Swedish, with possible components in another Scandinavian language and/or English

Prerequisites

Undergraduate courses of 60 ECTS cr and upper secondary level Swedish B/Sw 2 B and English A. or equivalent

Major Field of Study

FHA (Public Health Sciences)

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

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

- describe central concepts regarding domestic violence from a public health perspective including class, gender and ethnicity issues,
- identify the consequences of domestic violence for the individual, family and society,
- describe and explain the reactions of children who witness violence in the family,
- give an account of the consequences of sexual assault, physical and psychological abuse in childhood and adulthood,

Competence and skills

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

- give an account of the importance of professional conduct and appropriate treatment of abused women and children,
- problematise the identification and frequency of domestic violence

Judgement and approach

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

- explain and critically reflect on domestic violence from different perspectives and explanatory models,
- evaluate and assess societal efforts to combat domestic violence at different levels of prevention (primary, secondary and tertiary level).

Content and Form of Instruction

Instruction is in the form of lectures, group work and seminars.

The course deals with the extent and consequences of domestic violence, the importance of professional conduct, and efforts to combat domestic violence. The course also deals with different theories and explanatory models at the individual, group and society level. Gender/power, social science and psychological theories are discussed from a public health perspective.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on a written exam and a final seminar discussion.

Grades

One of the grades Fail (U), Pass (G), or Distinction (VG) is awarded in the examination of the course. Assessment criteria for the grade of Distinction are specified in the study guide.

Quality Assurance

Follow-up relating to learning conditions and goal-fulfilment takes place both during and upon completion of the course in order to ensure continuous improvement. Course assessment is based on student views and experiences as reported in written course evaluations and/or group discussions. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of the measures to be taken.

Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

Additional Information

Students who enrolled before 1 July 2007 will complete their studies in accordance with the requirements of the earlier admission. Upon completion students may request degree and course certificates to be issued under the current ordinance if they meet its requirements.

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor's and Master's levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.

Required course for the Master's programme in Public Health Science (VAMAS).

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