



Faculty of Health, Science and Technology  
Public Health Science

# Syllabus

## Public Health Science: Degree Project

**Course Code:** FHGBE2

**Course Title:** Public Health Science: Degree Project  
*Folkhälsovetenskap: examensarbete*

**Credits:** 15

**Degree Level:** Undergraduate level

**Progressive Specialisation:** First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements, contains degree proj. for B.A./B.Sc. (G2E)

**Major Field of Study:**

FHA (Public Health Sciences)

HFR (Health Promotion)

**Course Approval**

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Health, Science and Technology 2023-09-07, and is valid from the Spring semester 2024 at Karlstad University.

**Prerequisites**

60 ECTS credits in Public Health Science, including Introduction to Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods, 7.5 ECTS credits, Scientific Research Methods in Public Health Sciences - Literature Study, 7.5 ECTS credits, and Epidemiology and Public Health Work, 15 ECTS credits, or equivalent

**Learning Outcomes**

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

Knowledge and understanding

- identify and problematise basic theories and research issues in public health science,

### Competence and skills

- independently plan, conduct, and present a research project in public health science,
- search for and select research literature,
- collect and analyse data,
- present a research project orally and in writing,
- use clear and correct academic language and structure written reports effectively,
- understand and implement correct referencing,

### Judgement and approach

- demonstrate a critical approach to their own research results and those of others, and
- demonstrate awareness of research ethical approaches.

### **Content**

Instruction is in the form of literature study, group discussions, mandatory seminars, and supervision.

The course covers the following:

- Proposal for a research project
- Academic thesis
- Research ethics
- Supervision
- Peer review (as reviewer and author)

### **Reading List**

See separate document.

### **Examination**

Assessment is based on a individual research project presented orally and in writing, and performance as a peer reviewer and seminar participant.

Supervision is provided until the assessment has been made, after which the student is no longer entitled to further supervision. The number of assessment opportunities is limited to five.

If students have a decision from Karlstad University entitling them to Targeted Study Support due to a documented disability, the examiner has the right to give such students an adapted examination or to examine them in a different manner.

### **Grades**

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course.

### **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 evaluation is partly based on student views and experiences obtained in accordance with current regulations and partly on other data and documentation. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of any measures to be taken.

### **Course Certificate**

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

**Additional information**

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