



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 2024-09-04, and is valid from the Spring semester 2025 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 an individual research project presented orally and in writing, and performance as a peer reviewer and seminar participant.

A student who has received a grade of Fail (U) after the end of the course will no longer be entitled to 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.