



Faculty of Health, Science and Technology  
Public Health Science

# Syllabus

## Global Health

<b>Course Code:</b>	FHGGH1
<b>Course Title:</b>	Global Health <i>Global hälsa</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	7.5
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Undergraduate level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements (G1N)

### Major Field of Study:

FHA (Public Health Sciences)  
OHA (Oral Health)  
OMA (Nursing Science)

### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Health, Science and Technology 2026-02-12, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2026 at Karlstad University.

### Prerequisites

General entry requirements. An equivalence assessment can be made.

### Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

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

1. define global health and public health,
2. describe health inequality and its consequences nationally and globally, and
3. describe different methods for measuring public health nationally and globally.

Competence and skills

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

4. explain the determining factors of health in a global perspective, and
5. identify and discuss global health challenges in relation to the global sustainability goals.

Judgement and approach

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

6. demonstrate the ability to discuss and evaluate different perspectives on global health problems.

### Content

Instruction is in the form of lectures, seminars, and group exercises. The course starts out from the UN Declaration of Human Rights and the UN Sustainable Development Goals and comprises the following:

- Definitions of global health and public health
- Health inequality and its consequences nationally and globally
- The determining factors of health
- Global health challenges such as poverty, infections and epidemic diseases, non-contagious disease, oral health, injuries, violence, climate change, migration, and urbanisation
- Measures of health and disease

### Reading List

See separate document.

**Examination**

Assessment is based on an individual written assignment presented and discussed in a seminar, and a group project presented individually in a seminar.

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 VG (Pass with Distinction), G (Pass), or U (Fail) 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.