



Faculty of Health, Science and Technology
Public Health Science

Syllabus

Organisation, political governance and public health work

Course Code:	FHGOP1
Course Title:	Organisation, political governance and public health work <i>Organisation, politisk styrning och folkhälsoarbete</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (G1F)

Major Field of Study:
FHA (Public Health Sciences)

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

General admission requirements and 30 ECTS credits in a main area of study

Learning Outcomes

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

1. give an account of relevant actors and how they operate within public health work at the national, regional, and local levels,
2. identify parts of relevant laws and other policy documents that regulate public health work,
3. identify current issues and challenges in the field of public health,
4. provide examples of choices and strategies for development work in the field of public

health at the local and regional levels, and

5. discuss how public funds can be allocated to promote public health.

Content

This course aims to provide an increased understanding of the connection between political governance, societal actors, and public health work. The course outlines the structure and function of public administration in Sweden at the national, regional, and local levels. It addresses how public health policy is designed and implemented at various levels to achieve long-term and sustainable public health goals. Furthermore, the principles of democracy and citizen participation in decision-making processes that affect public health are discussed. The course also aims to problematise resource allocation issues from a public health perspective and justify related decisions.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on individual written hand-in assignments and a group project discussed in a final seminar at the university.

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.