



Faculty of Health, Science and Technology  
Public Health Science

## Syllabus

### Domestic violence in a public health perspective

<b>Course Code:</b>	FHGVR2
<b>Course Title:</b>	Domestic violence in a public health perspective <i>Våld i nära relationer ur ett folkhälsoperspektiv</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)

#### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Health, Science and Technology 2018-01-31, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2018 at Karlstad University.

#### Prerequisites

General admission requirements

#### Learning Outcomes

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

##### Knowledge and understanding

- explain the concept domestic violence and various forms of violence,
- name signs and symptoms of domestic violence,
- give an account of explanatory models of domestic violence from a public health perspective, including gender, class, sexuality, generation and ethnicity,
- give an account of the break-up process,
- describe short and long term consequences of domestic violence for adult victims and children witnessing or being abused themselves.

##### Competence and skills

- identify protection and risk factors in domestic violence at individual and societal levels,

##### Judgement and approach

- develop ability to treat individuals exposed to domestic violence in a professional and respectful way.

#### Content

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

The course comprises the following components:

- Definitions of domestic violence
- Domestic violence from an historical perspective, including the history of women rights
- Prevalence of domestic violence
- Consequences of domestic violence for adult victims and children witnesses
- Theories of stress, crisis and psychotrauma
- Signs and symptoms of domestic violence in partner relationships
- Protection and risk factors in domestic violence
- Explanatory models of domestic violence including the normalisation process
- Break-up process
- Professional conduct

### **Reading List**

See separate document.

### **Examination**

Assessment is based on individual take-home assignment and assignments presented and discussed in mandatory seminars.

### **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.

Elective course for the Nursing programme and open to all students.