



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 2025-01-22, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2025 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 men's violence against women, domestic violence, and various forms of violence,
- name signs and symptoms of domestic violence,
- give an account of explanatory models of domestic violence, including gender, class, sexuality, generation, and ethnicity,
- give an account of the normalisation process and the break-up process,
- describe short and long term consequences of domestic violence for adult victims and children witnessing violence or being abused themselves.

Competence and skills

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

Judgement and approach

- reflect upon the identification and treatment of persons who are victims of violence, and
- reflect upon societal measures in response to domestic violence at different levels of prevention (universal, selective, and indicated).

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

The course comprises the following components:

- Definitions of domestic violence
- Prevalence of domestic violence
- Particularly vulnerable groups
- Consequences of domestic violence for adult victims and children witnesses
- Signs and symptoms of domestic violence in partner relationships

- Protection and risk factors in domestic violence
- Explanatory models of domestic violence
- The normalisation process
- The break-up process
- Professional treatment of persons who are victims of violence

**Reading List**

See separate document.

**Examination**

Assessment is based on a group assignment and an individual written take-home assignment presented orally and discussed in mandatory seminars.

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.