



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Psychology

# Syllabus

## Clinical Psychology II

**Course Code:** PSA071  
**Course Title:** Clinical Psychology II  
*Klinisk psykologi II*  
**Credits:** 13  
**Degree Level:** Master's level  
**Progressive Specialisation:** Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (A1N)

**Major Field of Study:**  
PSA (Psychology)

### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2018-02-07, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2018 at Karlstad University.

### Prerequisites

150 ECTS credits completed for the Master of Science in Psychology Programme (VAPSY) at Karlstad University

### Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

- give an account of and discuss psychological methods for the evaluation and diagnosis of children, young people and the elderly,
- give an account of a selection of commonly used psychological intervention and treatment models for children, young people and the elderly,
- describe and discuss a selection of commonly used psychiatric diagnoses,
- describe and discuss a selection of common behavioural medical conditions,
- give an account of and discuss the effects of domestic violence, abuse and sexual assault,
- describe possible mechanisms in drug addiction and different methods in addiction treatment, and
- give an account of the situation and needs of next-of-kin in connection with drug abuse and mental ill health.

### Content

The course provides further accounts of clinical psychology areas with special emphasis on children and young people, addiction, abuse and traumatic stress. Psychopathological states in diagnosis and diagnostic methods, and different perspectives and views of the ill health process are treated. The structure and content of the DC 0-5 and ICD systems are described, and students practise making structured assessments. The current evidence-based situation for various psychological interventions and the recommendations of the Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare are outlined.

**Reading List**

See separate document.

**Examination**

Assessment is based on written exams, hand-in assignments and oral presentations, individually and in groups.

**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.