



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Psychology

Syllabus

Organizational psychology and scientific methods within clinical psychology

Course Code:	PSA091
Course Title:	Organizational psychology and scientific methods within clinical psychology <i>Organisationspsykologi och vetenskapliga metoder inom klinisk psykologi</i>
Credits:	15
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 2019-03-05, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2019 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

210 ECTS credits completed in the Master of Science in Psychology programme (VAPSY) at Karlstad University

Learning Outcomes

Module 1- Individual, work and organisation III (6 ECTS cr)

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

- independently analyse negative and positive psychological health factors related to work environments,

- identify short-term and long-term consequences of different measures and decisions in organisations for psychological health factors related to work,
- identify and handle ethical problems in organisations,
- apply theoretical models of psychosocial work environments in modern working life to concrete cases, and
- deliver a professional oral and written presentation to a client.

Module 2- Philosophy of science and methods IV (9 ECTS cr)

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

- use different research designs and analytical methods used in clinical psychology,
- use qualitative and quantitative research methods and demonstrate knowledge of the strengths and weaknesses of different methods,
- demonstrate knowledge of gender equality aspects involved in methodology considerations,
- search for, read, evaluate, and use scholarly sources, and
- apply an evidence-based and ethical approach to clinical research.

Content

Module 1, Individual, work and organisation III, comprises study and workshops focused on the strategies of management groups. Students conduct individual studies in organisation psychology which include analysis, suggestions for interventions, and evaluation of measures taken.

Module 2, Philosophy of science and methods IV, treats different types of research design in clinical psychology such as group studies, single-subject design studies, and studies based on a qualitative approach. Quantitative and qualitative methods of analysis are discussed and applied. Students read and evaluate scholarly articles and prepare for their independent master-level projects.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Module 1

Assessment is based on an individual organisation analysis of an authentic case, presented orally and in writing, and active participation in workshops.

Module 2

Assessment is based on three written exams, an individual written planning assignment, and participation in mandatory seminars where assignments are presented and discussed 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.