



Faculty of Arts and Social Science
Social Work

Syllabus

Rights of child

Course Code:	SMAB07
Course Title:	Rights of child <i>Barnets rätt</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Master's level
Progressive Specialisation:	Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (A1N)

Major Field of Study:
SAA (Social Work)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Science 2016-03-11, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2016 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

Upper secondary school level Swedish 3 or B, or Swedish as a second language 3 or B and English 6 or A, or equivalent, plus either

- social work programme 150 ECTS course credits (SGGEN),
- professional degree in social work/social care, or
- Bachelor's degree in social work/social care

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

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

- give an account of an ecological perspective on children's development and discuss the interaction between children and the environment,
- give an account of and identify similarities and differences in adopting a care or actor perspective on children in child protection reports and custody investigations,
- give an account of different ways of communicating with children and young people,
- give an account of the child rights perspective and its regulation in Swedish and international legislation.

Competence and skills

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

- apply different theoretical perspective on legislation of relevance to child protection in the social services,
- independently conduct and analyse conversations with children and young people in a vulnerable situation.

Judgement and approach

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

- identify and problematise their own professional approach in investigative and informative conversations with children,
- identify and assess short-term and long-term protection needs in children and young people and ensure their participation and say in the exercise of authority and in the execution of decision.

Content

The course comprises the following components:

- Techniques for interviewing children and young people.
- Legal relationships in the family and society in Swedish and international law from a child rights perspective, with an emphasis on the central concepts of children's rights in the traditional legal areas where such issues are raised. A key aspect is the problematisation and deepened understanding of what is in the best interest of the child, the child's right to be heard, and the wishes of the child.
- Balancing between the responsibility for the child' s care and welfare and between society and family as well as the child's influence on the situation.
- The care and actor perspectives on children and the family support oriented social services or the child protection social services are problematised.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on net-based seminars and individual hand-in assignments, and on a written individual specialisation assignment presented and discussed at a seminar.

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.

When the course is offered as distance education, an internet connected computer is required.