



Faculty of Social and Life Sciences
Social Work

Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Social and Life Sciences on 23 March 2010, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2010 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: SMADTS

Theories of Social Work, 7.5 ECTS Credits

(Teorier i socialt arbete, 7.5 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Master

Progressive Specialisation: A1N (Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements)

Language of Instruction

Swedish

Prerequisites

General requirements for admission to Master's level.

Special requirements: 90 ECTS cr including 15 ECTS cr degree project in social work or social care plus upper secondary level Swedish B/Swedish as a second language B or equivalent

Major Field of Study

SAA ()

Learning Outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

- reflect on the terms and character of knowledge in social work,
- critically reflect on theories and theoretical perspectives in social work

Skills and abilities

- systematically seek and compile social science theory in social work research,
- critically and logically discuss theory of knowledge issues orally and in writing

Judgement and approach

- compare and evaluate theoretical models in practical social work applications,
- independently assess the work of others and contribute informed views to seminar discussions and motivate their positions.

Content and Form of Instruction

The course is offered as modified distance education starting and ending with on-campus meetings in Karlstad. Distance education pedagogy is used and students are required to have access to computers and the Internet. At the first meeting lectures alternate with discussions. A study guide is provided to support individual and active studies. The concluding seminars are part of the examination and therefore mandatory.

The course outlines theories and perspectives employed in social work practice and research. Current research is reviewed in terms of its relevance to social work. The course also includes a specialisation if a theoretical perspective related to a chosen social problem. There is also an emphasis on the importance of theoretical perspectives to measures taken.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on seminar performance and on an oral and written assignment.

Grades

One of the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Distinction (VG) 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 assessment is based on student views and experiences as reported in written course evaluations and/or group discussions. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of the measures to be taken.

Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

Additional Information

Students who enrolled before 1 July 2007 will complete their studies in accordance with the requirements of the earlier admission. Upon completion students may request degree and course certificates to be issued under the current ordinance if they meet its requirements.

The course SMADST overlaps in some degree with the course SMAD01.

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor's and Master's levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.

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