



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Social Work

## Syllabus

### Theories of Social Work

<b>Course Code:</b>	SMADTS
<b>Course Title:</b>	Theories of Social Work <i>Teorier i socialt arbete</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	7.5
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Master's level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	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 Sciences 2017-03-13, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2017 at Karlstad University.

#### Prerequisites

Bachelor degree 180 ECTS cr in Social Work or Social Care. Upper secondary level Swedish B/3 or Swedish as a second language B/3, English A/6, or equivalent

#### 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 theories in social work research,
- critically discuss theory of knowledge issues orally and in writing

Judgement and approach

- compare and evaluate theoretical models in practical social work applications, and
- critically review and assess their own and others' academic works.

#### Content

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 of a theoretical perspective related to a chosen social problem. There is also an emphasis on the importance of theoretical perspectives to the practical measures taken.

#### Reading List

See separate document.

**Examination**

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

**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 course SMADST cannot be included in the same degree as the course SMAD01.

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