



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Social Work

Syllabus

Master Thesis in Social Work

Course Code:	SMAEX1
Course Title:	Master Thesis in Social Work <i>Examensarbete för masterexamen i socialt arbete</i>
Credits:	15
Degree Level:	Master's level
Progressive Specialisation:	Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits) (A2E)

Major Field of Study:
SAA (Social Work)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2017-03-16, and is valid from the Spring semester 2018 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

Bachelor degree in social care or social work (180 ECTS cr) with a major in social work or social care plus 45 ECTS cr at Master's level, including a 15 ECTS credit degree thesis and a social science methods course 15 ECTS cr. Upper secondary level Swedish B/3 or Swedish as a second language B/3 and English A/6, or equivalent.

Learning Outcomes

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

- independently delimit, design and carry out a research project of relevance to the theory development in the field and to the chosen problem,
- make ethical choices in the research process,
- evaluate theoretical and methodological knowledge in the social work field,
- explain and discuss current national and international theoretical, analytical and methodological issues in social work,
- communicate the process, result, analysis and conclusions of the study in writing,
- independently author and defend a thesis contributing to the field, and
- critically review and comment on the academic works of others.

Content

Students write a master's thesis and develop their skills in using theories and methods in social work to analyse a chosen problem.

Instruction is in the form of supervision and seminars. The thesis can either be in the form of a degree thesis or a research article. Supervision is only provided for the course duration. Reregistered students are offered additional supervision if circumstances permit.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on a thesis project which is presented and defended at a mandatory seminar and on student performance as a peer reviewer.

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.