



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 26 September 2011 , and is valid from the Spring semester of 2014 at Karlstad University.

**Course Code:** SMGB03

**Research Methods and Project Work, 13.5 ECTS Credits**

**(Vetenskapliga arbetsmetoder och projektarbete, 13.5 Swedish credit points)**

**Degree Level:** Bachelor

**Progressive Specialisation:** G1F (First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements)

#### Language of Instruction

Swedish

#### Prerequisites

Social Work Programme courses 30 ECTS cr completed (term 1) and attended courses (30 ECTS cr) in term 2

#### Major Field of Study

SAA (Social Work)

#### Learning Outcomes

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

- give an account of different research methods and their fields of application,
- give an account of different stages, decisions and problems in quantitative and qualitative research processes,
- give an account of theory of science concepts and ethical principles of relevance to the research process,
- apply different methods for data collection and the compiling and analysis of the data,
- investigate and present, orally and in an academic report, central problem areas in social work,
- identify and describe central ethical dilemmas in social work research.

#### Content and Form of Instruction

Instruction is in the form of lectures, group work, laboratory sessions, field studies in the form of data collection for a thesis project and seminars.

Students develop their knowledge of research methods and approaches in social science, including quantitative and qualitative methods. The research process and methodological problems are reinforced and discussed, such as problem formulation, data collection and compilation of information. The module includes a field trip and data collection resulting in an academic report describing the field.

#### Reading List

See separate document.

## Examination

Assessment is based on written, individual exams and on a co-authored field report, defended and discussed in seminar, and performance as the discussant of a fellow-student work.

## Grades

One of the grades Fail (U), Pass (G), and Distinction (VG) is awarded in the examination of the course. Assessment criteria for the grade of Distinction are specified in the study guide.

## 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 SMGB03 cannot be included in the same degree programme as the course SMGBS2

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.

Required course for the social work programme.

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