



Faculty of Arts and Social Science  
Social Work

## Syllabus

### Research Methods and Project Work

<b>Course Code:</b>	SMGB03
<b>Course Title:</b>	Research Methods and Project Work <i>Vetenskapliga arbetsmetoder och projektarbete</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	13.5
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Undergraduate level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (G1F)

**Major Field of Study:**  
SAA (Social Work)

#### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Science 2015-09-10, and is valid from the Spring semester 2016 at Karlstad University.

#### Prerequisites

Social work programme (SGGEN) courses 30 ECTS cr completed (semester 1) and attended courses (30 ECTS cr) in semester 2

#### Learning Outcomes

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

- give an account of different research methods and their application areas in the field of social work,
- give an account of different stages in quantitative and qualitative research processes,
- give an account of central concepts in the theory of science,
- give an account of the ethical principles of relevance to the research process in the field of social work,
- apply different methods for data collection and the compiling and analysis of the data,
- conduct field studies based on central problem areas in social work
- present the result of their field studies in a research report, orally and in writing,
- search for, assess and summarise studies in the research field of social work, and
- identify and describe central research ethical considerations in the field of social work.

#### Content

Students develop their knowledge of research methods and approaches in the social sciences, including quantitative and qualitative methods. The different stages of the research process and methodological problems are treated, and problem formulation, data collection and compilation of information and analysis are enhanced. The module includes a social work field study documented in a report.

Instruction is in the form of lectures, group work, laboratory sessions, field studies and seminars.

**Reading List**

See separate document.

**Examination**

Assessment is based on written, individual exams, on a group project, defended and discussed in seminar, and on performance as the peer reviewer of another group's work.

**Grades**

One of the grades Fail (U), Pass (G), and 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 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 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.