



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Political Science

## Syllabus

### Public Health Administration

<b>Course Code:</b>	SVGBH1
<b>Course Title:</b>	Public Health Administration <i>Hälso- och sjukvårdsadministration</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	30
<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:**  
SKA (Political Science)

#### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2018-08-28, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2018 at Karlstad University.

#### Prerequisites

SVGAHA with at least 22.5 ECTS cr completed, or equivalent

#### Learning Outcomes

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

- independently identify, structure, critically assess, interpret and analyse problems related to change processes, motivation and economic control,
- give an account of the impact of change on individuals,
- explain reactions such as psychological defence and stress,
- analyse and critically evaluate different methods of change,
- give an account of communication theories and the basics of intrapersonal communication and social interaction,
- plan and conduct difficult conversations and employee interviews with adequate methods,
- use communication and knowledge of processes as leadership tool,
- document and analyse processes of strategic change, staff management and financial situation independently or in cooperation with others,
- give an account of leadership from the perspectives of roles, power and control and adapt leadership to different situations,
- independently compile data and analyse and present them in a written report.

#### Content

Instruction is in the form of lectures and seminars. Students carry out an independent project.

Module 1 Reactions to change 7.5 ECTS cr

Middle managers in public organisations must be able to understand and handle reactions to change

and know what psychological aspects affect individual reactions of resistance or acceptance. Reactions to change as psychological defence or stress are treated. The focus is on organisational changes.

**Module 2 Counselling Skills: Conversation as a tool 7.5 ECTS cr**

Middle managers need knowledge of conversation as a tool in their work. The module deals with useful communication theories with a focus on the difficult conversation and employee appraisal and development interviews.

**Module 3 Leadership and Management 7.5 ECTS cr**

The module deals with leadership in relation to leadership research with relevance to middle management. Aspects of economic control and communication as a management tool are treated.

**Module 4 Methodology and Independent Project 7.5 ECTS cr**

The module introduces social science perspectives on research methods. Problem formulation, the research process and methods of analysis and conclusion are treated. Students carry out a project, individually or as individual contribution to a group project product. The project should involve relevant application of social science research methodology.

**Reading List**

See separate document.

**Examination**

Assessment is based on a written exam, and individual and/or group assignments, presented orally and/or in writing. Examination on module 4 is in the form of a seminar assessment of the independently authored project.

The number of examination opportunities is limited to five.

**Grades**

One of the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Distinction (VG) is awarded in the examination of the course. A grade of Distinction is awarded to students who have completed the course and received the grade Distinction for a total of at least 15 ECTS cr.

**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.