

# Education plan

for

**Study Programme in Social Work for the Care of Elderly and Disabled Persons**

**210.0 Higher Education Credits**

**Socionomprogrammet med inriktning mot omsorg om äldre och funktionshindrade**

**210.0 ECTS credits**

**Programme code:** SÄLFY  
**Valid from:** Autumn 2010  
**Date of approval:** 2009-10-06  
**Department:** Department of Social Work

## Decision

This study program was approved by the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences at Stockholm University.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Swedish upper secondary school courses Mathematics B and Social Studies A, or equivalent.

## Programme structure

In semesters 1 and 2, the programme begins with Social Science and Law I (first level) for 60 higher education credits, intended to give a broad scientific basis for continued studies. Following an introduction to social work studies, the course deals with conditions and changes in the welfare state, its organisation and judicial system, and legislative aspects of social work. Other aspects dealt with are the development and socialisation of the individual and the conditions that influence these processes.

Social Work, specialisation Care of Elderly and Disabled Persons I (first level) for 30 credits is taken in semester 3. This course comprises basic studies in social work with special emphasis on social pedagogy, research methodology, and field studies.

Social Work, specialisation Care of Elderly and Disabled Persons II (first level) for 60 credits follows in semesters 4 and 5. This course covers such central areas of social work as addiction, abuse, migration, physical and mental ailments, and the living conditions of children, adolescents, families and the elderly. The course also includes investigative methods and practical training with a comprehensive theoretical component.

Social Work, specialisation Care of Elderly and Disabled Persons III (first level) for 30 credits consists of advanced seminars in social work within chosen subject areas, applied research methods and supervision of an individual degree paper for 15 credits.

All the courses contain obligatory, recurrent elements intended to train specific professional skills.

The programme is rounded off with second level courses for 30 credits taken within the Department's Master of Social Work Programme.

Since the courses build successively upon each other, it is necessary to have passed each course with at least an E in order to gain admittance to the next.

## Goals

For a degree of Bachelor of Science in Social Work, students must demonstrate the knowledge and skills required for independent social work at individual, group and societal level.

### Knowledge and understanding

For a degree of Bachelor of Science in Social Work students must

- demonstrate knowledge of the scientific basis of the field and awareness of current research and development work
- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the interplay between the social situations of individuals and groups, their living conditions, their physical and mental health and their functional capacity relative to social and other background factors
- demonstrate knowledge of leadership in social work, and
- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of children's needs and of the social and family circumstances that affect the conditions governing the lives of women and men.

### Skills and abilities

For a degree of Bachelor of Science in Social Work students must

- demonstrate the skill and ability required to develop and carry out social work at different levels of society in co-operation with the people concerned
- demonstrate ability to apply relevant legislation, particularly in the social field
- demonstrate ability to understand, investigate and analyse social processes and problems, and
- demonstrate ability to identify, structure, investigate and evaluate interventions at individual, group and societal level.

### Judgement and approach

For a degree of Bachelor of Science in Social Work students must

- demonstrate self-knowledge and a capacity for empathy
- demonstrate a capacity to make intervention assessments based on a holistic approach to the human person and on relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects, paying particular attention to human rights
- demonstrate a capacity for professional conduct and approach
- demonstrate understanding of the importance of teamwork and co-operation with other professional groups, and
- demonstrate ability to identify personal need for further knowledge and to continuously upgrade their capabilities.

Apart from the above, the following objectives apply to the Study Programme in Social Work, specialisation Care of Elderly and Disabled Persons.

For a degree of Bachelor of Science in Social Work students must

- demonstrate ability to make analyses from such perspectives as class, gender, ethnicity, age, and sexual disposition

## Courses

SUF120 Social Science and Law I (first level), 60 credits

SUP300 Social Work, spec. Care of Elderly and Disabled Persons I (first level), 30 credits

SUP450 Social Work, spec. Care of Elderly and Disabled Persons II (first level), 60 credits

SUP600 Social Work, spec. Care of Elderly and Disabled Persons III (first level), 30 credits

Courses/examinations at advanced (second) level, 30 credits.

## Degree

A degree of Bachelor of Science in Social Work with the title 'Bachelor of Science in Social Work, specialisation Care of Elderly and Disabled Persons' is obtained after the student has completed the full course requirements for 210 higher education credits, including an independent degree project worth at least 15 credits.

## Misc

Requests may be made by students to count in previous studies. Such applications shall be made to the Board of the Department of Social Work.