

Education plan

for

Masterprogramme in Social Work
Masterprogram i socialt arbete

120.0 Higher Education
Credits
120.0 ECTS credits

Programme code: SOCAO
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Department: Department of Social Work

Decision

Fastställd av samhällsvetenskapliga fakultetsnämnden vid Stockholms universitet 2006-09-28, reviderad 2007-08-21.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Programme structure

The Master's Programme consists of subject courses for at least 60 Higher Education Credits, courses in philosophy of science and research methods for 30 HEC's and a thesis writing course for 30 HEC's.

Goals

Knowledge and understanding:

For the Master's Degree in Social Work students shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of social work and relevant subjects, i.e., show a broad grasp of the field as a whole along with specialist in-depth knowledge of specified areas and substantial insight into current work of research and development
- demonstrate advanced knowledge of methods in social work.

Skills and abilities:

For the Master's Degree in Social Work students shall

- demonstrate ability to critically and systematically integrate different forms of social knowledge and to analyse, assess and handle complex incidents, issues and situations even on the basis of limited information
- demonstrate ability to critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate problems, and to plan and with adequate methods accomplish qualified tasks within given time frames, thus contributing to the development of knowledge, as well as to evaluate such work
- demonstrate ability in both national and international contexts to orally and in writing in a dialogue with others report upon and discuss research conclusions arrived at along with the facts and arguments upon which these are based
- demonstrate the skills necessary to participate with others in work of research and development or to independently carry out tasks in other areas of qualified activities.

Judgement and approach:

For the Master's Degree in Social Work students shall

- demonstrate ability to make assessments within the social work framework taking into consideration relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects along with showing awareness of research-ethical aspects
- demonstrate an insight into the possibilities and limitations of scientific research, its role in the society and human responsibility for how research results are used
- demonstrate ability to identify own needs for further knowledge and to take responsibility for own

development.

Courses

The subject courses detailed below are given by the Department of Social Work or in collaboration with other departments within the faculty, within the university or with other universities and colleges.

- Social Work; Knowledge Base and Interventions, 7.5 HEC's
- Mental Health and Social Conditions –Perspectives on health and normality, 15 HEC's
- Children and Youth in Late Modern Society, 15 HEC's
- Disability and Social Participation, 7.5 HEC's
- Youth, Social Work and Violence in the Name of Honour, 7.5 HEC's
- Children's Rights in Family and Society
- Legal Issues in Public Law, 7.5 HEC's
- Elderly Persons and the Welfare State, 7.5 HEC's
- Children and Youth; Social Problems and Social Interventions, 15 HEC's
- Alcohol and Drugs, 15 HEC's
- European Social Policy; Convergency and Diversity, 7.5 HEC's
- Welfare Law, 7.5 HEC's
- Psychosocial Work, 45 HEC's
- Biopsychosocial perspectives on health and ill-health, 15 HEC's
- Crisis and Catastrophe; Theories and Interventions, 15 HEC's
- Rehabilitation and Working Life, 15 HEC's
- Evaluation of Social Interventions for Youth at Risk, 15 HEC's

Subject courses are given as part of the Master's Programme or as freestanding courses.

Courses in philosophy of science and research methods are given by the Department of Social Work or in collaboration with other departments within the faculty, within the university or with other universities and colleges.

Students' thesis writing is supervised and examined by the Department of Social Work.

For participation in the thesis writing course students must have been accepted into the programme.

Applicants must also have at least an E grade in advanced level courses in philosophy of science and research methods not more than eight semesters old.

The following is obligatory:

- Social work; Knowledge Base and Interventions, 7.5 HEC's.
- Of the remaining 52.5 HEC's to be gained for subject courses, at least 35 must be gained from the Department's own range of Master's courses.
- Courses in philosophy of science and research methods for together 22.5 HEC's.
- The thesis writing course, 30 HEC's.

Degree

The Master of Social Work Degree is awarded upon completion of the entire programme with at least a grade E in all courses.

Misc

Courses passed within the framework of the earlier magister programme may be counted in in accordance with directions stipulated by the Rector. Individual assessment is required for counting in earlier work on a thesis.