

Education plan

for

Master's Programme in Population Health: Societal and Individual Perspectives
Masterprogram i folkhälsa: samhällseliga och individuella perspektiv

120.0 Higher Education Credits
120.0 ECTS credits

Programme code: SPOPO
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Department: Department of Public Health Sciences

Decision

This syllabus has been determined by the faculty board of the Department of Social Sciences and was last revised 20141104.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's degree (180 ECTS) in Sociology, Psychology, Public Health Sciences, Medicine or similar.
English proficiency equivalent to English Course B or English 6.

Programme structure

The subject of the programme is public health and all courses are given in English. The programme is comprised of four terms with primarily mandatory courses. The programme includes one elective course of 7,5 credits, where the student can choose from taking some course at another department/university, an individual in-depth course or a traineeship in public health. The programme also includes a final master thesis of 30 credits.

Goals

The overall objective of the master's programme with its interdisciplinary combination of sociological, psychological and public health science perspectives is to give students an in-depth view of how the health of individuals, groups and populations is linked to social conditions, political and cultural processes and individual behaviours and conditions.

In addition to the general objectives stated in Chapter 1 9§ in the Higher Education Act, the objectives stated in the Higher Education Ordinance apply as follows:

Knowledge and understanding

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the main field of study, including both broad knowledge of the field and a considerable degree of specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as insight into current research and development work, and

- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the main field of study.

Competence and skills

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with

complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information

- demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate issues critically, autonomously and creatively as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames and so contribute to the formation of knowledge as well as the ability to evaluate this work
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing both nationally and internationally to clearly report and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in some other qualified capacity.

Judgement and approach

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in the main field of study informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work
- demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used, and
- demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for his or her ongoing learning.

Courses

Population health and health equity (7.5 ECTS credits)
Social stratification and health (7.5 ECTS credits)
Methodology I – research methods (7.5 ECTS credits)
Psychobiological processes, stress and health (7.5 ECTS credits)
Life course approach to health equity studies (7.5 ECTS credits)
A social perspective on child public health (7.5 ECTS credits)
Society, Ageing and Health (4.5 ECTS credits)
SPSS and data management (3 ECTS credits)
Methodology II – quantitative methods related to public health sciences (7.5 credits)
Population development and social change (7.5 credits) (Department of Sociology, demographics section)
Welfare state, social policy and health (7.5 ECTS credits)
Global health: development and inequity (7.5 ECTS credits)
Individual in-depth course in public health sciences (7.5 ECTS credits) or Traineeship in Public Health Sciences (7.5 ECTS credits)
Master's thesis in public health (30 ECTS credits)

Degree

The programme leads to a Master of Science in Public Health

Misc

The master's programme is offered by CHESS. Some of the courses may be given jointly with the Department of Sociology (demographic section) or the Aging Research Centre (ARC) at Karolinska Institutet. CHESS is responsible for the planning and coordination of the programme.

The master's programme is given in English.

Students who have been accepted to the programme but do not complete it within the two planned study years may ask to complete the programme even after the syllabus has ceased to be valid. In such cases the restrictions stated in the syllabus for each of the programme courses apply.