

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Population Health and Health Equity
Folkhälsa och ojämlikhet i hälsa

7.5 Higher Education
Credits
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	PH001S
Valid from:	Autumn 2014
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Department	Department of Public Health Sciences
Subject	Public Health
Specialisation:	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

The syllabus was approved by the board for Centre for Health Equity Studies (CHESS), Stockholm University/Karolinska Institutet 2010-02-15

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
T11S	Population health and health equity	7.5

Course content

The course provides an introduction to the subject of population health and health equity. The students will 1) be introduced to central concepts and theories used in the field, 2) learn basic facts regarding population health and health inequalities in different parts of the world, 3) get an overview of important mechanisms that contributes to create the associations between social structures and individual health outcomes, and 4) get acquainted with statistical methods commonly found in the literature.

Learning outcomes

At the end of the course, students are expected to be able to:

- 1) Discuss concepts and theories central to the area of society and health.
- 2) Describe general trends in population health in different parts of the world.
- 3) Generally describe the magnitude of and trends in health inequalities, globally as well as within countries.
- 4) Identify social and individual factors that are important for health and mortality
- 5) Describe some of the central mechanisms that contributes to create inequalities in health

Education

The teaching will be based on lectures and group discussions in which active participation is expected.

The course is taught in English.

Forms of examination

Examination of the course will be carried out via a written take-home exam at the end of the course.

The take-home exam will be graded on a scale of A to F. The final grade on the course will be given as follows:

A = Excellent
B = Very good
C = Good
D = Satisfactory
E = Sufficient
Fx = Not sufficient
F = Inadequate

A-E will be considered passing grades. Students receiving the grades Fx or F have the right to undertake further examination in order to receive at least the grade E. Students receiving E or higher may not undergo further examination with the purpose to improve the grade given. Students receiving the grades Fx or F two times have the right to request that a different examiner perform the grading of the course. This request will then be forwarded to the director of studies who will appoint a new examiner.

Interim

Students may request an examination in accordance with this syllabus up to three semesters after the course has ceased or significantly changed.

Required reading

A list of the current course literature is found in the course description