

Education plan

for

Master's Programme in Sociology
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120.0 Higher Education
Credits
120.0 ECTS credits

Programme code: SSOCO
Valid from: Autumn 2011
Date of approval: 2010-10-13
Department: Department of Sociology

Decision

This program was approved by the Faculty of Social Sciences at Stockholm University as of October 13 2010.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's degree in Social Science including at least 60 ECTS credits in Sociology; English 6.

Programme structure

The programme consists of 45 credits compulsory courses, 45 credits elective courses and 30 credits thesis work. By agreement, master level courses at other departments may be included in the programme. Language of instruction is generally English.

Goals

The programme aims at providing the students with a high ability to independently use sociological theories and sociological methods to analyse societal issues. After completing the program, students will have the following skills concerning:

Knowledge and understanding:

- Demonstrate significantly advanced knowledge and understanding of central sociological theories and methods, profound knowledge in a special area of sociology, as well as insight into current sociological research.
- Demonstrate deeper methodological knowledge in sociology.
- Demonstrate the ability to analyse the advantages and disadvantages of different methodological choices, to interpret qualitative and quantitative research findings and argue about their validity.

Skills and competencies:

- Demonstrate ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and to analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, research questions and situations even with limited information.
- Demonstrate the ability to critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate sociologically relevant research questions, to plan and with adequate methods carry out a scientific study of sociological relevance within given time frames and thereby contribute to the development of knowledge and also evaluate the performed work.
- Demonstrate the ability in both national and international contexts, both orally and in written form clearly present and discuss conclusions and the arguments behind them, in dialogue with different groups.
- Demonstrate the ability to search, compare and critically examine sociological literature relevant for a particular issue.
- Demonstrate the ability to conduct public discussion and examination of scientific texts and presentations with sociological content.

- Demonstrate the skills required to participate in research, investigative research, analysis, or work independently in other advanced contexts.

Values and attitudes:

- Show ability to make assessments with regard to relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects, and show awareness of ethical aspects of sociologically oriented research and development.

- Show insight into the possibilities and limitations of science, its role in society and people's responsibility for how it is used.

- Demonstrate the ability to identify the need for further knowledge and to take responsibility for developing knowledge.

Courses

Compulsory courses: Classical Sociological Theory 7.5 credits, Modern sociological theory 7.5 credits, Qualitative Methods in the Social Sciences, 7.5 credits, Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences, 7.5 credits, Social Stratification 7.5 credits, or Social Network Analysis 7.5 credits, Research Methods (Master Thesis Proposal) 7.5 credits, Master's thesis in sociology 30 credits.

Degree

The programme leads to a degree of Master of Science in Sociology.

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Students admitted to the program that has not completed it during the scheduled two years of study, can request to complete the program even after the programme syllabus expired. Thereby the limitations specified in the curricula of the courses syllabus apply for the included courses.