

Education plan

for

Master's Programme in Social Work
Masterprogram i socialt arbete

120.0 Higher Education
Credits
120.0 ECTS credits

Programme code: SOCBO
Valid from: Autumn 2013
Date of approval: 2012-09-05
Department: Department of Social Work

Decision

Approved by the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Stockholm University, 2012-09-05.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Applicants must have a Bachelor degree or the equivalent with at least 90 credits in social work, along with Swedish B/Swedish as a second language and English A or the equivalent.

Programme structure

This programme is given half- or full-time and begins with an obligatory course in theory of science. The programme is composed of obligatory courses for 60 credits including the production of a master's thesis for 30 credits and elective courses for 60 credits.

Goals

Knowledge and understanding

To obtain a master's degree in social work students shall

- show advanced understanding of social work with a broad grasp of the field in general as well as specialist knowledge in specific areas and proper orientation in current work of research and development
- show required competence in both applied methods and social research methodology

Competencies and capabilities

To obtain a master's degree in social work students shall

- demonstrate ability to critically and systematically integrate various forms of social knowledge, and to analyze, evaluate and handle complex situations, issues and events, even with limited information
- demonstrate ability to critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate problems
- demonstrate ability to plan and with adequate methods perform qualified tasks within given time frames, thereby contributing to the development of knowledge, and to critically examine and evaluate this work
- demonstrate ability, both orally and in writing, to present arguments and discuss conclusions in dialogue with others, in both national and international contexts
- demonstrate the proficiencies necessary for participation in work of research and development or to independently perform other qualified tasks

Professionalism and discretion

To obtain a master's degree in social work students shall

- show ability to make assessments in social work in consideration of relevant scientific, societal and ethical

aspects of work with research and development

- show insight into the possibilities and limitations of science, its role in society, and human responsibility for how research results are used
- show ability to identify own needs of further knowledge and take responsibility for own development in th

Courses

Obligatory courses

- Evidence and Knowledge in Social Work, 7.5 credits
- Courses in theory of science and research methodology amounting to 22.5 credits
- Master's Thesis, 30 credits

Elective courses

Other courses amounting to 60 credits that may be taken at the School of Social Work or the equivalent.

Courses are given as part of the master's programme or independently. Note that the courses offered may vary over time.

Degree

The programme leads to the degree of Master of Science with Major in Social Work.

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Credits for a previously executed research paper may be accredited after individual review.

Students admitted to the programme who have not achieved completion in the stipulated two years can apply for continuation even after the syllabus has ended. The limitations on courses included in the syllabus nevertheless continue to apply.