

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Social Work with Alcohol and Drug Problems
Socialt arbete med alkohol- och drogproblem

**7.5 Higher Education
Credits**
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	SU7232
Valid from:	Autumn 2013
Date of approval:	2012-09-26
Department	Department of Social Work
Main field:	Social Work
Specialisation:	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

Approved by the Board of the Department of Social Work, Stockholm University.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Social Work or other Bachelor's degree, or the equivalent. Swedish B/Swedish as a second language and English A, or the equivalent.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
0001	Social Work with Alcohol and Drug Problems	7.5

Course content

- Current perspectives on prevention and treatment in social work with alcohol and drug problems
- The complexity of problems involving substance abuse
- Critical reflection on the problems of substance abuse and the measures used in social work.

Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course students shall be able to:

- give an account of and discuss current perspectives on the prevention and treatment of substance abuse in social work
- analyse the complexity of problems involving substance abuse
- critically reflect on the problems of substance abuse and the measures used in social work.

Education

Instruction is in the form of lectures and seminars.

Forms of examination

Examination is by an individually written take-home examination, and the written and oral critical review of a scientific article.

Grades are related to the specified learning outcomes and set according to the following seven-grade scale:

- AExcellent/oustanding performance with only minor errors
- BVery good/above average standard but with some errors

C Good – generally sound work but with a number of notable errors
D Satisfactory – fair but with significant shortcomings
E Sufficient – performance meets the minimum criteria
F x Fail – some more work required before the credit can be awarded
F Fail – considerable further work required

Information on grading criteria will be handed out at the start of the course.

To pass the course students must have obtained at least grade E on the home-examination and actively participated in any other mandatory parts of the course.

For information on the rules for examination and retakes as approved by the Board of the Department of Social Work see separate information sheet.

Students have the right to request a retake with another examiner if failed twice on a module. Such requests must be made in writing to the director of studies no later than one year after the end of the course.

Required reading

Babor, T. & Boca, F.K. (2003) Treatment Matching in Alcoholism. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Bergmark, A. (2008) Specific and contextual treatment mechanism. Nordic studies on Alcohol and Drugs, vol. 25, nr.4, p. 277-285.

Bergmark, A. & Oscarsson, L. (2006) Inhold, kontekst og det personlige valg ved behandling av misbrug. I Egelund, T. & Jakobsen, T.B (red.) Behandlingsbegrep & praksis i socialt arbejde. Köpenhamn: Hans Reitzels förlag.

Blomqvist, J. (2009) Behövs behandling? Om "sjävläkning" och dess implikationer för hjälpsystemet. I Billinger, K. & Hübner, L. (red.) Alkohol och droger - samhällsvetenskapliga perspektiv. (137-165). Malmö: Gleerups.

Ekendahl, M. (2007) Why not treatment? : untreated substance abusers' accounts of their lifestyles and efforts to change. Contemporary Drug Problems, 33(4): 646-668.

Imel, Z.P.E, Wampold, B.E., Miller, S.D. & Fleming, R.R (2008) Distinctions without a difference: Direct comparisons of psychotherapies for alcohol use disorders. Psychology of Addictive Behaviors, vol. 22, nr. 4, p. 533-543.

Karlsson, P. (2009) Skolbaserad drogundervisning -angreppssätt, påvisade effekter och framtida utmaningar. I Billinger, K. & Hübner, L. (red.) Alkohol och droger - samhällsvetenskapliga perspektiv. (87-100). Malmö: Gleerups.

Orford, J. et al (2006) The clients' perspective on change during treatment for an alcohol problem: qualitative analysis of follow-up interviews in the UK Alcohol Treatment Trial. Addiction, vol.101, nr. 1, p. 60-68.

Orford, J. (2001) Addiction as excessive appetite. Addiction, vol. 96, nr. 1, p. 15-31.

Velleman, R.D.B, Templeton, L.J. & Copello, A.G. (2005) The role of the family in preventing and intervening with substance use and misuse: a comprehensive review of family interventions, with a focus on young people. Drug and Alcohol Review, vol. 24, nr.2, p. 93-109.

von Greiff, N. & Skogens, L. (2012) Förändringsprocesser i samband med missbruksbehandling : vilka faktorer beskriver klienter som viktiga för att initiera och bibehålla positiva förändringar? Nordic Studies on Alcohol and Drugs, vol. 29 (2) XX.

Tillkommer: Vetenskapliga artiklar som väljs i samråd med examinator.