

# Syllabus

for course at advanced level

**Global health in a changing world**

**Global hälsa i en föränderlig värld**

**7.5 Higher Education**

**Credits**

**7.5 ECTS credits**

<b>Course code:</b>	PH15A0
<b>Valid from:</b>	Autumn 2022
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<b>Department</b>	Department of Public Health Sciences
<b>Main field:</b>	Public Health
<b>Specialisation:</b>	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

## Decision

This course plan is determined by the Board of the Department of Public Health Sciences.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

A degree comprising at least 180 credits, including an independent thesis comprising at least 15 credits, as well as English proficiency equivalent to English 6.

## Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
1501	Examination I: Individually written assignment	7.5

## Course content

The course will provide knowledge about the reciprocal relationship between public health and global development, presented in three blocks:

### *Globalisation and sustainable development*

In this first block, a number of basic theoretical concepts will be introduced in order to increase understanding of the factors that affect global public health. What is globalisation and how does it impact individual and population health? In which ways are social and health related inequalities in rich and poor countries connected to global economic development? What is sustainable development and how is it related to good and equitable public health?

### *Institutions and governance*

This block will focus on the political dimension of global health. How can policy makers and organisations influence public health on a global scale? Essential principles for political governance beyond the nation state will be presented. Organisations such as the UN, the WHO, and other important actors will be discussed.

### *Regions and populations*

This block will address geo-political, demographic and historical phenomena that have characterised global public health development, e.g. global migration and the European health divide. Which health problems and diseases are of central importance today? Situations in specific regions and countries will be used to provide concrete examples illustrating the topics and discussions of the previous blocks.

## Learning outcomes

In order to receive a passing grade on the course, the student should be able to:

*Knowledge and understanding*

1. Summarise the main features of global public health development since 1980 and connect it to central theories of global development.
2. Describe and compare public health issues in different world regions and identify measures that can be used to prevent or combat these problems.

*Skills and abilities*

3. Describe global health governance as well as critically interpret relevant literature and global health reports by the United Nations and other international and national actors.

*Judgement and approach*

4. Critically assess and evaluate a defined global public health issue using relevant scientific literature and up-to-date reports.
5. Reflect on the scientific process demonstrating competence development in the field of Public Health Sciences. This learning outcome only applies to students who read the Master's programme in public health sciences: societal and individual perspectives.

**Education**

The teaching will be based on lectures and seminars.

Participation in the lectures and seminars is mandatory. In case of absence, the student will be given a compensatory assignment.

The course will be taught in English.

See the course description for more detailed information. The course description will be available at least one month before the course starts.

**Forms of examination**

a) Forms of examination

*Examination I. Individually written assignment*

Learning outcomes 1-4 are examined through an individually written assignment. Grading will be based on a goal-oriented scale of A to F.

*Other grading components*

Learning outcome 5 is examined through active participation in the master's programme's seminar series. In case of absence from or insufficient participation in the seminar, the student will be given a compensatory assignment. This component only applies to students who read the Master's programme in public health sciences: societal and individual perspectives.

*Course requirements*

Active participation in the seminars, and attendance at lectures is a course requirement. In case of absence or insufficient participation in a seminar, the student will be given a compensatory assignment.

*Language*

The examination will be in English.

*Certificate of special pedagogical support*

If the student has a certificate from Stockholm University that recommends special pedagogical support, the examiner has the right to offer the student alternative forms of examination.

b) Course grade

The course grade will be given as follows:

- A = Excellent
- B = Very good
- C = Good
- D = Adequate
- E = Sufficient

Fail grades  
Fx = Inadequate  
F = Wholly inadequate

c) Grading criteria

The grading criteria will be presented to the students in writing when the course begins.

d) Final grade

In order to receive a passing grade in the course, the student must receive passing grades for Examination I and the other grading components, as well as have fulfilled the course requirements.

The final grade is determined by the grading of Examination I.

e) Examinations

Two examinations are offered each time course is taught. For terms when the course is not taught, one examination is offered.

Students who receive a failing grade two consecutive times from the same examiner have the right to request a different examiner to grade the examination. This request should be made to the Director of Studies.

Students who receive an E or higher grade may not be re-examined for the purpose of improving the grade received.

f) Supplementary revisions

Supplementary revisions should be submitted within a week after the examiner has announced the need for revisions.

*Examination I*

It is possible to make a revision of an Fx grade to a passing grading, if the student is close to passing.

The passing grades A-E may be received for supplementary revisions that are related to formality errors or concern a specific part of the examination.

The passing grade E may be received for supplementary revisions that reflect problems related to the more basic understanding of the material presented in the course.

If the supplementary revision of the grade Fx does not meet the requirements for a passing grade, the grade F is received.

g) Late submission

Late submission is not accepted in this course. Examinations submitted after the deadline will not be accepted. In such cases, the student is referred to the second examination timepoint.

**Interim**

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

**Limitations**

The content of this course overlaps with the courses "Global health: development and inequity" (course code: PH033S) and "International health: regional and global changes over time" (course codes: PH012S and PH3002) to the extent of 7.5 credits and, therefore, cannot be part of a degree in which "Global health: development and inequity" or "International health: regional and global changes over time" are also included.

**Misc**

Plagiarism, cheating, and self-plagiarism is prohibited in all parts of the course. Suspicion of such cases is reported to the Disciplinary Board at Stockholm University.

This course is given as part of Term 3 of the Master's programme in public health sciences: Societal and individual perspectives. The course is also offered as a single-subject course to the extent there are available

resources.

**Required reading**

The current course literature will be published on the department's website ([www.su.se/publichealth/PH15A0](http://www.su.se/publichealth/PH15A0)), at least two months before the course begins.