

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Individual in-depth course in public health sciences
Individuell fördjupningskurs i folkhälsovetenskap

**7.5 Higher Education
Credits**
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	PH19A0
Valid from:	Autumn 2021
Date of approval:	2019-08-27
Department	Department of Public Health Sciences
Main field:	Public Health
Specialisation:	A1F - Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

Determined by the Board of the Department of Public Health Sciences, 2019-08-27.

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. At least 45 credits within "Master's programme in public health sciences: Societal and individual perspectives".

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
T191	Individually written essay	7.5

Course content

The purpose of the course is to provide the student with in-depth knowledge within a delimited field of public health sciences. The goal is for the student to be able to answer a research question, describe and discuss important theories, methods and previous research in the chosen field. Furthermore, the student should be able to search and select relevant literature, and critically analyse and evaluate the literature. In consultation with the teacher, the student chooses a specific field for in-depth studies and identifies a research question of relevance within that field. The chosen field and research question should be discussed with the course manager. Based on a literature review, the student writes an individual essay.

Learning outcomes

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

- Show in-depth knowledge within a delimited field of Public Health Sciences.
- Answer a research question based on a literature review.
- Describe and discuss central theories, methods and previous research within the chosen field.
- Search and select relevant literature, and critically analyse and evaluate the literature.

Education

The course is based on independent literature studies under supervision.

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) The course is examined through an individually written essay, where the focus is decided upon in consultation with the teacher and discussed with the course manager.

The essay will be graded on a goal-based seven-point grading scale (A-F).

The examination will be in English.

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) The course grade will be given on a goal-based seven-point grading scale:

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

Fail grades

Fx = Fail, some more work required

F = Fail, much more work required

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

d) In order to receive a passing grade in the course, the student must receive at least an E grade on the essay.

e) 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) It is possible to revise an essay that received 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.

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.

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 course "Individual in-depth course in public health sciences" (course code: P4001) to the extent of 7.5 credits and, therefore, cannot be part of a degree in which "Individual in-depth course in public health sciences" is 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 4 of the Master's programme in public health sciences: Societal and

individual perspectives.

Required reading

The current course literature will be published on the department's website, www.su.se/publichealth, at least two months before the course begins.