

Syllabus

for research course

Social inequalities in health

Social ojämlikhet i hälsa

7.5 Higher Education

Credits

7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:

PH004F1

Valid from:

Autumn 2020

Department

Department of Public Health Sciences

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Learning outcomes

In order to receive a passing grade on the course, students are expected to be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

1. (a) Show understanding of, and (b) discuss and contrast, central theories in the field of social stratification and health.
2. (a) Identify and, (b) reflect on different mechanisms behind the association between social position and health.

Skills and abilities

3. Formulate, problematize and present a general description of the association between social position and health, including the current state-of-the-art.

Judgement and approach

4. Make judgements taking into account relevant scientific, societal and ethical aspects in the field of social stratification and health.
5. Reflect on the course content in relation to their own PhD project.

Content

The purpose of the course is to give the student knowledge about central theoretical and empirical aspects of social inequalities in health. The course includes an overview of how health is distributed across different group based on the social position in society (with regard to e.g. occupational class, education, income, foreign background, and sex/gender). The student will become familiar with and discuss various models that explains the associations between social stratification, life chances, and health. The course focuses on concurrent research and aims to give a basic understanding of the research front.

Mandatory exams

Attendance at lectures and seminars are not mandatory.

Forms of examination

a) Forms of examination

Examination I. Individually written take-home exam

Learning outcomes 1b, 2b, and 3-4 are examined through an individually written take-home exam. Grading

will be based on a two-point grading scale (G=Pass, U=Fail).

Examination II. Individually written assignment

Learning outcome 5 is examined through a individually written assignment. Grading will be based on a two-point grading scale (G=Pass, U=Fail).

Other grade-based components

Learning outcomes 1a and 2a are examined through an online multiple-choice test.

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) Course grade

The course grade will be given as follows:

G = Pass

U = Fail

c) Grading criteria

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

d) Final grade

In order to receive a passing grade in the course, the student must receive passing grades (G) for Examination I, as well as passing grade on the other grade-based components.

The final grade is determined by the grade on the home exam.

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.

f) Supplementary revisions

Examination I and II that received failing (U) grade can receive passing (G) grade with submission of supplementary assignment, if the student is close to passing.

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

g) Late submission

Late submission of Examination I is not accepted in this course. In such cases, the student is referred to the retake exam.

Form of instruction

The teaching will be based on lectures and seminars.

The course will be taught in English.

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

The current course literature will be published on the department's website, (www.su.se/publichealth/PH004F1), at least two months before the course begins.

This course is given in collaboration with the “Master’s programme in Public Health Sciences: Societal and Individual Perspectives”. Joint lectures with master students are therefore applied.