

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

An introduction to public health sciences
En introduktion till folkhälsovetenskap

7.5 Higher Education
Credits
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	PH01A1
Valid from:	Autumn 2022
Date of approval:	2022-04-26
Department	Department of Public Health Sciences
Main field:	Public Health
Specialisation:	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, and English proficiency equivalent to English 6.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
0101	Examination I: Individually written take-home exam	7.5

Course content

The purpose of the course is to introduce the student to public health sciences. The course will offer a review of the history of the discipline and introduce its main areas of action with a focus on health research. The course will introduce key theoretical frameworks, empirical examples, as well as some controversial issues related to the discipline. Overall, this course features the social science profile of the discipline at the Department of Public Health Sciences.

Learning outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

1. Describe demographic and epidemiological frameworks relevant to public health sciences.
2. Identify the main theoretical frameworks and theories in public health sciences today.
3. Discuss relevant topics in public health sciences.
4. Explain the social science perspective on public health sciences.

Skills and abilities

5. Relate epidemiological paradigms and medical models to the development of public health sciences.

Judgement and approach

6. Reflect on how social and medical factors interrelate in the development of public health.
7. Reflect on the scientific process demonstrating competence development in the field of public health

sciences.

Education

The teaching will be based on lectures and seminars.

Participation in the seminars is mandatory. In case of absence, the student will be given compensatory assignments.

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 take-home exam

Learning outcomes 1 and 4-6 are examined through an individually written take-home exam.

Grading will be done on a goal-oriented scale of A to F.

Other grade-based elements

Learning outcomes 2-3 are examined through a group assignment (consisting of a written part and an oral part).

Learning outcome 7 is examined through active participation in the master programme's seminar series.

In case of absence from or insufficient participation in the seminars, 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 a passing grade on Examination I, a passing grade on the group assignment, and completed attendance in the seminars.

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 revise a take-home exam 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.

Other grade-based elements

It is possible to complement a group assignment or participation in the master programme's seminar series, if the student is close to passing.

g) Late submission

Late submission is not accepted. In such cases, the student is referred to the retake exam.

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 "Population health and health equity" (course code: PH001S) and "An introduction to public health sciences" (course code: PH01A0) to the extent of 7.5 credits and, therefore, cannot be part of a degree in which "Population health and health equity" or "An introduction to public health sciences" 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 1 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/PH01A1), at least two months before the course begins.