

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Social inequalities in health

Social ojämlikhet i hälsa

7.5 Higher Education

Credits

7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	PH03A1
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

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
0301	Examination I: Individually written take-home exam	7.5

Course 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.

Learning outcomes

In order to receive a passing grade on the course, the student should 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 scientific process in relation to their own 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 1b, 2b and 4 are examined through an individually written take home-exam.

The individually written take-home exam will be graded on a goal-oriented scale of A to F.

Other grade-based components

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

Learning outcome 3 is examined with an oral presentation of a group assignment.

Learning outcome 5 is examined through active participation in the master programme's seminar series.

Course requirements

Active participation in the seminars is a course requirement. In case of absence, 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 which recommends special pedagogical support, the examiner has the right offer the student alternative forms of examination.

b) Course grade

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) 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, as well as passing grades on the other grade-based components and the course requirements.

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

e) Examinations

Two examinations are offered each time the 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 grade, 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 components and course requirements

An oral presentation and participation in the seminars can receive a passing grade with submission of a supplementary assignment, if the student is close to passing.

In the event of a missed or failed online multiple-choice test, the student is referred to a re-exam.

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 "Social stratification and health" (course code: PH100E) and "Social inequalities in health" (course code: PH03A0) to the extent of 7.5 credits and, therefore, cannot be part of a degree in which "Social stratification and health" or "Social inequalities in health" 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 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/PH03A1), at least two months before the course begins.