

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 2023
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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 groups based on their social position in society (with regard to e.g. occupational class, education, income, foreign background, and sex/gender). The student will also become familiar with and discuss various theoretical and analytical concepts and models used to explain social inequalities in health.

Learning outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

1. Show understanding of central terminologies, concepts and theories in the field of social inequalities in health.
2. Give an account of how health is distributed across groups with different social positions in society.

Skills and abilities

3. Assess and compare various theoretical aspects and mechanisms underlying social inequalities in health.

Judgement and approach

4. Discuss and reflect on the ways in which theories and mechanisms of health inequalities relate to the empirical evidence base.

Education

The teaching will be based on lectures and seminars.

Active participation in the seminars is mandatory. In case of absence from, or insufficient participation, in a seminar, 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 take-home exam

Learning outcomes 2-4 are examined through an individually written take-home exam. Grading will be based on a goal-oriented scale of A to F.

Other grading components

Learning outcomes 1 and 2 are examined through a multiple-choice test. Grading will be based on a two-grade scale (U=Fail, G=Pass).

Course requirements

The course includes a mandatory group work that is presented orally at a seminar. Absence or insufficient participation in the group work and the oral presentation are compensated through a compensatory assignment.

Language

The examination will be in English.

Certificate of special pedagogical support

For students who have a certificate from Stockholm University with a recommendation for special educational support, the examiner can decide to customize the teaching, give a customized test or let the student complete the test in an alternative way.

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 and completed attendance at the seminars.

If there are special reasons, the examiner may, after consultation with the responsible teacher, grant the student exemption from the obligation to participate in certain mandatory teaching or completion of mandatory parts. The student can then be assigned a compensation assignment.

e) Examinations

For each time the course is taught, at least three examinations must normally be offered within one year. In a

year when the course not is taught, at least one examination must be offered.

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.

Other grading components

Supplementary revision of a U grade is not allowed for the multiple-choice exam

Course requirements

It is possible to complement the grade U to G for the examining seminar.

g) Late submission

Late submission is not accepted in this course. 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.