

Syllabus

for course at research level

Global health in a changing world

Global hälsa i en föränderlig värld

7.5 Higher Education

Credits

7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:

PH010F1

Valid from:

Autumn 2021

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. Summarise the main features of global public health development since 1980 and connect it to central theories of global development.
2. Describe and compare public health issues in different world regions and identify measures that can be used to prevent or combat these problems.

Skills and abilities

3. Describe global health governance as well as critically interpret relevant literature and global health reports by the United Nations and other international and national actors.

Judgement and approach

4. Critically assess and evaluate a defined global public health issue using relevant scientific literature and up-to-date reports.
5. Reflect on the course content in relation to their own PhD project.

Content

The course will provide knowledge about the reciprocal relationship between public health and global development, presented in three blocks:

Globalisation and sustainable development

In this first block, a number of basic theoretical concepts will be introduced in order to increase understanding of the factors that affect global public health. What is globalisation and how does it impact individual and population health? In which ways are social and health related inequalities in rich and poor countries connected to global economic development? What is sustainable development and how is it related to good and equitable public health?

Institutions and governance

This block will focus on the political dimension of global health. How can policy makers and organisations influence public health on a global scale? Essential principles for political governance beyond the nation state will be presented. Organisations such as the UN, the WHO, and other important actors will be discussed.

Regions and populations

This block will address geo-political, demographic and historical phenomena that have characterised global public health development, e.g. global migration and the European health divide. Which health problems and diseases are of central importance today? Situations in specific regions and countries will be used to provide concrete examples illustrating the topics and discussions of the previous blocks.

Mandatory exams

Attendance at lectures and seminars are not mandatory.

Forms of examination

a) Forms of examination

Examination I. Individually written assignment

Learning outcomes 1-5 are examined through an individually written assignment. Grading will be based on a two-point grading scale (G=Pass, U=Fail).

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 pass grade (G) for Examination I.

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 that received failing U grades on Examination I can receive passing G grades with submission of supplementary assignment, if the student is close to passing.

f) Supplementary revisions

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

g) Late submission

Late submission is not accepted in this course. Examinations submitted after the deadline will not be accepted. In such cases, the student is referred to the second examination timepoint.

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 be 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/PH010F1), 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.