

## COURSE SYLLABUS

# Ageing in a Welfare State, 10 credits

*Åldrande i ett välfärdssamhälle, 10 högskolepoäng*

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| Course Code:  | HÅVS25  | Education Cycle:     | Second-cycle level |
| Confirmed by: | Department head Mar 11, 2015                                  | Disciplinary domain: | Health sciences    |
| Valid From:   | Mar 30, 2015  | Subject group:       | OM1                |
| Version:      | 2   | Specialised in:      | A1F                |
| Reg number:   | 2015/1070 Institute of Gerontology/Institutet för gerontologi | Main field of study: | Gerontology        |

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### Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

Upon completion of the course the student should have the

#### *Knowledge and understanding*

in order to

- explain the organisation of the old age care system and the health care system in Sweden
- identify gerontological social theories and reflect their applicability on old age care
- demonstrate understanding of ethnic and cross-cultural dimensions in old age care.

#### *Skills and abilities*

in order to

- consider and evaluate the implication of developmental research on ageing for the design and evaluation of old age care systems
- analyze and evaluate the function of old age care systems and the health care systems in Sweden
- analyze and evaluate how the old age care system interact with the health care system in order to meet the aged population
- critically compare and evaluate old age care in different countries.

#### *Judgement and approach*

in order to

- demonstrate an understanding of how cultural differences between Swedish and international old age care affects the older individuals
- analyze and demonstrate an understanding of advantages and disadvantages in the Swedish old age care in relation to elderly care organization in other countries
- demonstrate an understanding of the importance of scientific knowledge for the organization of elderly care.

### Contents

- the history and organization of Swedish welfare policies and principles and goals of old age care in Sweden
- organization of health care for elderly
- home care and institutional care for the elderly

- investigations of dementia – team and hospital care
- sources of information on old age care
- theories on old age care
- the importance of culture and ethnic roles in old age care
- ethical issues in old age care

### Type of instruction

The course is comprised of lectures, group discussions and study visits.

The teaching is conducted in English.

### Prerequisites

General entry requirements and a degree of at least 180 credits within an education in medicine, nursing or social work including a thesis of 15 credits and 30 credits in the main subject (gerontology) at the advanced level (or the equivalent).

### Examination and grades

The course is graded A, B, C, D, E, FX or F.

The examination will be based on one individual paper and active participation in three group discussions.

An associate professor will be the course examiner.

Registration of examination:

| Name of the Test | Value      | Grading        |
|------------------|------------|----------------|
| Examination      | 10 credits | A/B/C/D/E/FX/F |

### Other information

Attendance is compulsory at all activities within the course.

The course is a compulsory course for students enrolled in The Nord Mag Master Program, in School of Health Sciences and partner universities. The course is also available for students with general admission requirement. One week of full-time study is equivalent to 1,5 higher education credits and comprises a minimum of 40 hours of study.

### Course literature

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The most recent editions of the course literature should be used.