COURSE SYLLABUS
Social Work, Participation and Citizenship, 15 credits

Socialt arbete, delaktighet och medborgarskap, 15 högskolepoäng

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

Upon completion of the course the student should have the:

Knowledge and understanding

- in an advanced way problematize concepts like social policy, welfare, participation and citizenship in relation to a welfare society in transition and from an international perspective
- analyse perspectives on disability, ageing and ethnicity and the impact of these perspectives for social work practise and for individual opportunities in the society.

Skills and abilities

- identify problems, develop and take advantage of resources and also change living conditions for people through empowerment and social mobilization within social work practice
- problematize and analyse the interplay between societal processes on structural level and individual living conditions of importance for civic engagement
- problematize and scrutinize in a critical way participation in connection with planning and implementing social support.

Judgement and approach

- critically reflect on the social workers’ professional attitude while working with individuals and groups when it comes to participation and citizenship.

Contents

- citizenship, participation and societal processes in the welfare society
- theories for understanding disability, ageing and ethnicity
- empowerment and social mobilization as a recourse for civic engagement and participation
- voluntary activities, resources in civil society and the significance of social networks
- participation and integration linked to housing and work
- strategies for users’ involvement in assessment processes and problem solving.
**Type of instruction**

The course is implemented in the form of individual studies, lectures and seminars. The teaching is conducted in English.

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**Prerequisites**

General entry requirements and passing grades in courses of 150 credits in the main subject of Social Work. Furthermore fulfilled the course requirements for Theory of Science and Research Methodology and Specialisation in Social Work, 15 credits and Social work, thesis, 15 credits or equivalent. International students are required to demonstrate equivalent grades and knowledge.

**Examination and grades**

The course is graded Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

The students will be examined by one oral seminar based on a written paper and one final individual paper.

The examination can be completed in the Swedish or the English language.

The course is examined by senior lecturer.

Registration of examination:

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**Other information**

**Attendance requirements**

Attendance is compulsory in seminars.

**Course literature**


of Gerontology, School of Health Sciences.


Wilinska, M., & Henning, C. (2011). Old Age identity in Social Welfare Practice. Qualitative Social Work 0, (0), 1-18. The online version of this article can be found at: http://qsw.sagepub.com/content/early/2011/06/25/1473325011409477 Scientific articles.