



## COURSE SYLLABUS

# **Social work, social- and welfare policy in a Swedish and International Perspective, 7.5 credits**

*Socialt arbete, social och välfärdspolitik i ett svenskt och internationellt perspektiv, 7,5 högskolepoäng*

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Course Code:	HSWK11	Education Cycle:	First-cycle level
Confirmed by:	Utbildningsrådet May 20, 2013	Disciplinary domain:	Social sciences
Revised by:	Utbildningsrådet May 12, 2014	Subject group:	SS2
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Version:	3	Main field of study:	Social Work
Reg number:	2014/1125 (122) Department of Behavioural Science and Social Work		

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## **Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)**

Upon completion of the course the student should have the

### *Knowledge and understanding*

- to describe and discuss different welfare regimes
- to identify characteristics of the Swedish welfare system in comparison to other welfare systems
- to describe the living situation of different social groups in Swedish society.

### *Skills and abilities*

- to reflect upon the relationship between social policy, societal life and everyday living conditions
- to identify various social policy challenges and discuss its importance to contemporary developments welfare system with emphasis on the Swedish
- to identify and reflect upon the future of welfare states.

### *Judgement and approach*

- to compare and reflect upon living conditions and social work practice in different welfare regimes.

## **Contents**

- social policy and the rise of the Swedish welfare state
- the Swedish welfare system and its problems, crisis, restructuring and future
- different models of social welfare policy from an international perspective
- current social policy issues
- poverty from an international perspective
- challenges from a national and international perspective

## **Type of instruction**

Lectures, group discussions, seminars.

## **Prerequisites**

The requirements for the course are passing grades in Social Science of 15 credits or equivalent..

### Examination and grades

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

One individual written exam and one individual written paper.

A lecturer serves as the course examiner.

Registration of examination:

Name of the Test	Value	Grading
Examination	7.5 credits	A/B/C/D/E/FX/F

### Other information

#### Attendance requirements

Attendance to seminars is compulsory.

#### Course literature

Alcock, P., & Craig, G. (Ed.). (2009). *International Social Policy: Welfare Regimes in the Developed World*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Bengtsson, T., & Scott, K. (2011). Population Aging and the Future of the Welfare State: The Example of Sweden. *Population and Development Review*. 37, 158 - 170.

A work of fiction with socio-political connections and additional scientific articles will be used.

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

#### Övriga läromedel

University Library, Jönköping. *Search help, Citing sources*. [Downloaded 2014-04-08].  
<http://hj.se/bibl/en/search-help/citing-sources.html>