



COURSE SYLLABUS

Social Work, Social- and Welfare Policy in a Swedish and International Perspective, 7.5 credits

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Course Code:	HSWK19	Education Cycle:	First-cycle level
Confirmed by:	Utbildningsrådet Jan 29, 2019	Disciplinary domain:	Health sciences
Revised by:	Department head May 21, 2019	Subject group:	SS2
Valid From:	Aug 26, 2019	Specialised in:	G1F
Version:	2	Main field of study:	Social Work
Reg number:	Department of Social Work		

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

Upon completion of the course students should have the ability to:

Knowledge and understanding

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

Skills and abilities

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

Judgement and approach

- 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

The course is implemented through lectures, group discussions and seminars.

The teaching is conducted in English.

Prerequisites

General entry requirements and completed courses in Social Work of 15 credits or equivalent. For students enrolled at partner universities the eligibility requirements of respective departments applies.

Examination and grades

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

Examination will be based upon one individual written examination and individual and group written papers.

A university assistant professor serves as the course examiner.

Registration of examination:

Name of the Test	Value	Grading
Individual written examination	4 credits	A/B/C/D/E/FX/F
Individual assignments	2 credits	U/G
Seminars	0.5 credits	U/G
Oral presentation	1 credit	U/G

Other information

Attendance requirements

Attendance to seminars and groupwork is compulsory.

Course literature

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.

Trygged, S., & Righard, E. (Ed.). (2019). *Inequalities and migration: challenges for the Swedish welfare state*. Lund: Studentlitteratur.

A work of fiction with socio-political connections.

Additional scientific articles will be used.

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