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Qualitative, quantitative and combined research methods 15 cr

Kvalitativa, kvantitativa och kombinerade forskningsmetoder 15 hp

Set by Faculty of Health and Occupational Studies

Version	Set at	Valid from
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Level	A1N
Education level	Second cycle
Course identifier	SAA301
Credits	15 cr
Main field of study	Social Work
Subject group	Social Work and Social Welfare
Disciplinary domain	Health care 40.0 % Social sciences 60.0 %

Learning outcomes	On completion of the course students will be able to: 1. Describe and critically analyse the possibilities and limitations of different research methods, and theoretical and epistemological issues of importance to social work. 2. Independently search for, critically examine and evaluate knowledge, especially with a focus on how to verify or falsify hypotheses and discuss credibility issues based on different research designs, as well as compile and present scientific materials. 3. Plan a structural outline for a thesis at the advanced level that examines and analyses one or more research questions.
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Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Literature search- Methodological literature studies- Summary and presentation- Significance of theories in the research process- Scientific consideration of theories or hypotheses- Critical analysis of scientific works- Quantitative, qualitative and combined approach strategies- Epistemological considerations- Research ethics- Rules and practices for formulation of scientific works
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	-Planning of thesis or research project		
Teaching	Lectures and seminars.		
Prerequisites	Bachelor's degree in social work or equivalent.		
Examination	Learning objectives 1-2: Individual written examination. Learning objective 3: Author a preliminary thesis plan for the Master's thesis, which is defended during a seminar, as well as opposition of another student's thesis project plan.		
Grade	A, B, C, D, E, Fx, F		
Limitations	Students who do not take or who fail the regular examination are offered at least four more opportunities to take the examination. The examination may be taken on one regularly scheduled date and on two additional occasions in connection with the course. Students who have not passed after these three examinations are referred for student counselling/support and may retake the examination the next time the course is offered.		
Other regulations	The course is included as a compulsory course in the Master's programme in social work. Please refer to the study guide for information on the criteria for grades		
Sustainable environment	A minor part of the course content deals with sustainable development.		
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