



# HÖGSKOLAN I GÄVLE

## Basic Scientific Theory and Research Methods in Social Work

7.5 cr

*Grunder i vetenskaplig teori och forskningsmetoder i socialt arbete 7,5 hp*

Set by Faculty of Health and Occupational Studies

### Version

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<b>Level</b>	G1N
<b>Education level</b>	First cycle
<b>Course identifier</b>	SAG032
<b>Credits</b>	7.5 cr
<b>Main field of study</b>	Social Work
<b>Subject group</b>	Social Work and Social Welfare
<b>Disciplinary domain</b>	Health care 40.0 % Social sciences 60.0 %

### Learning outcomes

On completion of the course students will be able to:

1. explain the basics of research methods for data collection and analysis
2. explain the significance of theories in the research process
3. formulate methodologically and theoretically motivated approaches and analysis strategies for basic research problems
4. choose suitable method(s) to a given problem formulation and defend their choices
5. apply fundamental qualitative and quantitative methods.
6. apply the basics of scientific Writing
7. discuss how scientific theories and research methods can be applied in the practice of social work

### Course content

- basics of theory and philosophy of science in the research process
- basics of qualitative methods
- basics of quantitative methods
- the research process
- research ethics
- information retrieval

<b>Teaching</b>	Lectures, seminars and practical exercises.		
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No specific prerequisites are required other than the eligibility requirements for the programme.		
<b>Examination</b>	Learning objectives 1-3 Individual class-based exam Learning objectives 4-7: Individual- and group assignments and seminars		
<b>Grade</b>	A, B, C, D, E, Fx, F		
<b>Limitations</b>	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.		
<b>Other regulations</b>	Please refer to the study guide for information on the criteria for the different grades.		
	The course is compulsory in the undergraduate programme in social work with a focus on international social work.		
	The language of instruction is English.		
<b>Sustainable environment</b>	A minor part of the course content deals with sustainable development.		
<b>Module</b>	0010 Basics of Scientific Theory and Research Method in Sociable Work	7.5 cr	Grade: AF