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Advanced Research Methods in Social Work 15 cr

Fördjupade forskningsmetoder i socialt arbete 15 hp

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Level	G2F
Education level	First cycle
Course identifier	SAG526
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. identify methodological, theoretical and epistemological research questions of particular importance to social work
2. independently search for, critically examine and evaluate knowledge, as well as compile and present scientific materials
3. plan a thesis in which a research question is examined and analysed, as well as critically examine another student's thesis project plan

Course content

- literature search
- thematic methodological literature studies
- compilation and presentation
- significance of theories in the research process
- scientific consideration of theories
- critical analysis of scientific works
- in-depth quantitative and qualitative method
- epistemological considerations
- research ethics
- rules and conventions for writing scientific work
- planning phases for thesis

Teaching	Lectures and seminars.
Prerequisites	Minimum grade E for all courses on year 1 and 2 within the programme
Examination	Learning objectives 1–2: individual take-home exams and in-class exams. Learning objective 3: authoring of a thesis project plan, 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 opportunities are referred for student counselling/support and may retake the examination the next time the course is offered.
Other regulations	For information on the criteria for the different grades, please refer to the study guide. The course is a compulsory course in the undergraduate programme in social work with a focus on international social work. The language of instruction is English
Sustainable environment	A minor part of the course content deals with sustainable development.
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