



LUND
UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Medicine

MPHP25, Public Health: Health Policy, 7.5 credits

Folkhälsovetenskap: Hälsopolitik, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Master's Programmes Board on 2019-09-17 and was last revised on 2022-09-13. The revised syllabus applies from 2023-01-16, spring semester 2023.

General Information

The course is a compulsory component of the Master (120 credits) of Medical Science programme in Public Health

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Public Health Science

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

On completion of the course, student shall be able to:

- explain basic theories and concepts in health policy
- explain contemporary questions in health policy and the values they rest on
- explain the interaction between evidence and values in health policy
- explain how theories are related to the carrying out of health policy
- explain the relationship between human rights, welfare policy and health policy.

Competence and skills

On completion of the course, student shall be able to:

- analyse and reflect on the theories that are used in the subject area
- analyse and reflect on the values that underlie these theories
- identify health policy questions and analyse these based on theoretical concepts

This is a translation of the course syllabus approved in Swedish

- orally as well as in writing present, support, discuss and draw conclusions on scientific work and studies in the area.

Judgement and approach

On completion of the course, student shall be able to:

- identify ethical problems in health policy as well as engage in a discussion of these based on ethical principles and guidelines.

Course content

The course will provide knowledge of basic theories and concepts in health policy and how these are used in a social and political context from a global perspective

The course will also provide advanced understanding and knowledge of the values that underpin health policy with an emphasis on human rights and questions related to welfare policy.

The course will give a deeper understanding of how health policy is carried out and how one critically evaluates evidence-based health policy as a concept.

The course will develop the students' ability to analyse health policy positions and reforms using theoretical concepts and models.

The course will cover the key figures in health policy in the global arena and critically evaluate their underlying values.

The theoretical parts of the course will be supplemented by practical exercises and assignments focusing on practical questions related to how health policies are formulated and carried out.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures, seminars and workshops. Participation in the seminars is compulsory.

Assessment

The assessment consists of written assignments and an individual written exam. The written assignments are worth 4.5 credits and the exam is worth 3 credits.

If there are special reasons, other forms of examination can be applied.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

For the grade of Pass on the whole course, the grade of Pass is required for all

assessed components. For the grade of Pass with distinction for the whole course, the grade of Pass is required for all written assignments as well as the grade of Pass with distinction for the individual written exam.

Entry requirements

A Bachelor's degree or the equivalent. Specific entry requirements: English B from Swedish upper secondary school or the equivalent.

Subcourses in MPHP25, Public Health: Health Policy

Applies from V23

- 2301 Written assignments, 4,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass
- 2303 Individual written examination, 3,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

Applies from V20

- 2001 Individual written assignment, 1,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 2002 Group assignment, 1,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass
- 2003 Individual written examination, 4,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction