



Faculty of Social Sciences

## SIMM25, Social Sciences: Fieldwork, 7.5 credits

*Social Sciences: Fieldwork, 7,5 högskolepoäng*

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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### Details of approval

The syllabus is an old version, approved by Graduate School Board on 2011-12-12 and was valid from 2012-01-23, spring semester 2012.

### General Information

The course is offered as an interdisciplinary single subject course in Social Science at the second-cycle level and as an optional course within the Master of Science Programmes.

*Language of instruction:* English

#### *Main field of studies*

Sociology

Gender Studies

Sociology of Law

Social Anthropology

Political Science

Media and Communication Studies

Education

Development Studies

Social Work

#### *Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

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## **Learning outcomes**

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

### **Knowledge and understanding**

Identify and critically reflect on fieldwork as a research method in social science

### **Competence and skills**

Analyze fieldwork methods used in different contexts.

Conduct a limited fieldwork study.

Make informative oral and written presentations, pointing to and elaborate on aspects specific to the fieldwork approach.

### **Judgement and approach**

Reflect upon the role of the researcher in the field, and research ethics in the field

## **Course content**

The objective of the course is to provide an interdisciplinary analysis of fieldwork as both a method and an intellectual framework within the social sciences. This involves to understand and critical reflect on current theories connected to the discussion on methodology and methodological techniques within the social sciences. To achieve this, the course presents major theories, concepts, methods, techniques and approaches enabling the students to make informed analyses of how fieldwork connects to studies in social sciences.

Apart from presenting and critically discuss major intellectual influences within the fieldwork tradition, the course also deals with how to conduct a fieldwork, including participant observations and interviews. The course will also analyze how to study certain thematic social issues. Participants will critically reflect upon, discuss and present their results.

## **Course design**

The course is based on a combination of lectures and seminars. The lectures have an interdisciplinary focus and students are encouraged to search, analyze and present additional literature themselves. In seminars students will make oral and/or written presentations of the literature and the specific topics. A student assignment, parallel to the lectures and seminars, will be done in the form of a minor fieldwork during the period of the course. The fieldwork will be presented both orally and in writing.

## Assessment

Assessment of the course will be based on:

- Active participation in seminars
- Oral presentations, individually and/or in groups
- Written examination in the form of papers and critical reflections on the course literature.

Re-examination will be offered after the end of the course. If necessary, a second re-examination will be arranged at a later date.

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

## Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

The grades awarded are A, B, C, D, E or Fail. The highest grade is A and the lowest passing grade is E. The grade for a non-passing result is Fail.

The student's performance is assessed with reference to the learning outcomes of the course. For the grade of E the student must show acceptable results. For the grade of D the student must show satisfactory results. For the grade of C the student must show good results. For the grade of B the student must show very good results. For the grade of A the student must show excellent results. For the grade of Fail the student must have shown unacceptable results.

At the start of the course students are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus and about the grading scale and how it is applied in the course.

## Entry requirements

To be eligible for the course the student must have 150 credits including a graded thesis for the degree of Bachelor or a completed major in the Social Sciences, or another equivalent subject.

In addition, the students must have a minimum average grade in their Bachelor's studies equivalent to 3.0 out of 4 in cumulated grade point average (CGPA), C in the ECTS grading scale, and B in the American grading scale. For students with Swedish undergraduate studies the minimum requirement is G.

English 6/ English B (advanced) proficiency, or the equivalent.

## Further information

The course was adopted by the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences on November 17, 2011, and the syllabus was approved by the Committee for International Programmes on December 12, 2011.

This syllabus is valid from the spring term of 2012.

The course cannot be included in a degree together with SIMM05 Fieldwork 7.5 credits or SIMM15 Fieldwork 7.5 credits.

## Subcourses in SIMM25, Social Sciences: Fieldwork

Applies from V12

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Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A