



Faculty of Social Sciences

SOCM04, Sociology: Master's (Two years) Thesis, 30 credits

Sociologi: Examensarbete för masterexamen, 30 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus is an old version, approved by Faculty Board of Social Sciences on 2011-11-17 and was last revised on 2011-11-17 by the board of the Department of Sociology. . The revised syllabus applied from 2012-01-19. , autumn semester 2016.

General Information

The course can be included in a Master of Science (120 credits) degree specialising in Sociology.

Language of instruction: Swedish and English

Main field of studies

Sociology

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A2E, Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits)

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the students shall independently be able to

- demonstrate specialised knowledge of theories and the construction of theory in the field of sociology from a historical perspective
- demonstrate specialised insight into sociological methodology
- demonstrate insight into the general processes of change that have resulted in modern society
- assimilate, analyse, critically review and compare theoretical texts
- account for research communication and independently be able to monitor knowledge development in the field
- identify and formulate research issues
- plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake and present an independent research project as well as evaluate their own work

- perform a critical review of another independent project
- express and communicate acquired knowledge and skills in both speech and writing
- make assessments of research and development, informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical aspects
- demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of sociology and its role in society
- identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for his or her ongoing learning

Course content

The aim of the course is to provide students with specialised knowledge of sociological theory and a good ability to participate in research and development or work in other qualified contexts.

The main component the course is the student's' composition of an academic paper. Major emphasis is placed on the student's ability to independently identify and formulate a sociological issue and actively follow the development and research in the field of the issue. In connection with the research activities, seminars take place in which each student is to critically review a fellow student's paper.

Course design

The student is entitled to supervision during the writing process. The supervisor provides the student with advice and views on the design of the degree project, but it is the student who is responsible for its completion. The completed degree project is to be reviewed and discussed at an assessed seminar by a specially appointed critical reviewer.

Assessment

The assessment is mainly based on the quality of the finished degree project, but also to some extent on the student's defence of the project and critical review of a fellow student's project.

The degree project is to be registered in an Open Access database belonging to Lund University. Each student determines their own level of publication.

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 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 Fail the student must have shown unacceptable results.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have a Bachelor's degree in Sociology/equivalent. In addition, students must have at least 30 credits in the subject of Sociology/equivalent including SOCN03 Sociology: Classical and Contemporary Theory/equivalent amounting to 15 credits, at least 15 credits of methodology in the social sciences, of which 7.5 credits is to be in qualitative methods and 7.5 credits in quantitative methods. Furthermore, students must have another 15 credits in methodology in the social sciences and/or theory of science, of which at least 7.5 credits are to be in theory science. All of the credits must be from the second cycle.

Further information

The course corresponds to SOCM02 Sociology: Master's (Two Years) Thesis, 30 credits.

Amended 28 April 2016

Subcourses in SOCM04, Sociology: Master's (Two years) Thesis

Applies from V12

- 1101 Master Thesis, 30,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 1102 Discussant, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass