



**LUND**  
UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Medicine

## **MPHP17, Public Health: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, 7.5 credits**

*Folkhälsovetenskap: Sexuell och reproduktiv hälsa och rättigheter,  
7,5 högskolepoäng*  
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by The Master's Programmes Board on 2017-04-04 to be valid from 2017-04-05, spring semester 2017.

### **General Information**

The course is an elective 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, the students shall be able to

- explain the development of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) based on international and global perspectives
- account for the main global SRHR challenges
- account for the area from the perspectives of poverty, gender, rights and sustainability
- explain the impact of socio-cultural contexts on issues within SRHR
- account for evidence-based interventions in the area in different populations and subgroups

## Competence and skills

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

- identify, analyse and critically reflect on research results in the area
- discuss issues of SRHR from the perspectives of poverty, gender, rights and sustainability
- identify challenges in the area with regard to different populations and plan strategies and interventions based on a public health approach

## Judgement and approach

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

- identify ethical dilemmas in SRHR and discuss them in relation to ethical principles and guidelines
- reflect on the approach to different people from different groups from a perspective of cultural sensitivity
- reflect on particularly vulnerable groups with regard to SRHR

## Course content

The course highlights the following aspects of the subject: adolescent health, family planning, pregnancy and childbirth, abortion, sexual identity, sexual coercion and violence, and sexually transmitted diseases including HIV/AIDS. Perspectives of gender, poverty, sustainability and rights will serve as general themes. The topics to be discussed include evidence-based strategies and interventions related to each theme.

In order to highlight socio-cultural differences in the area, the course will include discussions of global challenges such as cervical cancer, female genital mutilation, trafficking and sexual violence in relation to existing theories and current research results. Reflections and discussions of ethical issues and approaches in relation to abortion, genital mutilation, sexual identities and violence take place through participation in different values exercises.

The development of international programmes and policies, and the discourse used within them, will be highlighted. Global as well as regional/local policy documents on sustainability and rights perspectives will be studied and discussed.

## Course design

The teaching consists of lectures, seminars, group assignments, values exercises and a journal club. Attendance at seminars is compulsory.

## **Assessment**

The assessment is based on 1) a written individual exam and 2) a course portfolio.

The course portfolio consists of the following components: a group assignment that is to be presented in speech and writing at a seminar and 2) presentation and defence of an article and active participation in a journal club.

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

*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 a grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course, students must have been awarded this grade on the individual written exam and passed the course portfolio.

## **Entry requirements**

To be admitted to the course, students must have a Bachelor's degree or the equivalent.

English B from Swedish upper secondary school or the equivalent.

International students are exempted from the general admission requirement of proficiency in Swedish.

## **Further information**

This course replaces MPH30- Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights

## Subcourses in MPHP17, Public Health: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

Applies from V17

- 1701 Written individual exam, 5,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1702 Course portfolio, 2,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction