



Faculty of Social Sciences

PSYL01, Internship in Psychology, 30 credits

Arbetspraktik inom psykologi, 30 högskolepoäng

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by Committee for Single Subject Courses at the Department of Psychology on 2023-11-14. The syllabus comes into effect 2023-11-14 and is valid from the autumn semester 2024.

General information

The course is given as a freestanding course at first-cycle level.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of study *Specialisation*

Psychology G2F, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate an understanding of what characterises psychological skills in different fields of work
- demonstrate an understanding of the role psychology plays in society
- demonstrate an advanced knowledge of how psychological theories can be applied in practice

Competence and skills

- demonstrate an ability to identify their need for further knowledge and to develop their skills in relation to working life

- demonstrate an ability to carry out qualified tasks with a psychological profile
- demonstrate an ability to collect, analyse and present psychologically relevant information
- demonstrate an ability to express and use psychological knowledge in both academic and work-related contexts
- demonstrate an ability to specialise in and develop an understanding of how a particular kind of work is carried out and carry out psychological analyses of the activities
- demonstrate an ability to identify psychologically relevant issues and problems in both academic and work-related contexts

Judgement and approach

- demonstrate advanced ability to reflect critically over and handle ethical issues from a psychological perspective

Course content

The aim of the course is to give the student a working life perspective and the opportunity to gain advanced experiences in which the theoretical part of the psychology is connected to practical activities. Furthermore, the course aims to give students knowledge and skills of value both to further studies and to future employment. The course consists of a work placement in the area of psychology which may be carried out at a public institution, private company or third-sector organisation in Sweden or abroad. The placement should include varied tasks at a workplace and an independent placement assignment. Students shall, under supervision, undertake qualified tasks and take part in the daily operations of the company/organisation. The work duties are to be connected to previously completed courses. The student is to have the opportunity to use and develop previously acquired knowledge and skills in psychology at the work placement.

Course design

The teaching includes an introductory lecture, three web-based seminars and continuous teacher supervision. The work experience period with the host organisation is 640 hours/16 weeks and includes participation in work duties according to a three-way agreement, an individual assignment and academic course assignments. The student is to fulfil the attendance level of at least 80 percent during the work experience period, and this is to be confirmed by the host organisation. The student is to use the remaining 160 hours/4 weeks to compile their internship experiences and prepare the placement presentation.

Participation in the introduction days and in web-based seminars is compulsory unless special circumstances apply. The opportunity to compensate for missed compulsory components is offered to students who have been unable to participate in compulsory components due to circumstances out of their control such as accidents, sudden illness or similar. This also applies to students who have missed teaching sessions due to elected office duties e.g. as student representative. In the case of such absence, the student is to contact the course director.

Assessment

The assessment is based on the following assignments:

- project plan that describes the student's own assignment, theoretical perspectives and its planning (6 credits)
- confirmation from host organisation of a completed placement according to a three-way agreement (18 credits)
- presentation of completed placement at seminar day, describing the student's work duties, their own assignment, the relationship between theory and practice and a reflection over what knowledge and skills in psychology can bring to an organisation (6 credits)

Three opportunities for examination are offered in connection with the course: a first examination, a resit close to the first examination and a second resit in the same year. Within a year of the end of the course at least two additional examination opportunities are offered on the same course content. After this, further re-examination opportunities are offered but in accordance with the current course syllabus. A student who fails on the work placement has the right to undertake placement an additional time.

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.

Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, Pass

The grades awarded are Pass or Fail. For the grade of Pass, students must have passed all assessed components and attained the learning outcomes of the course.

Entry requirements

General entry requirements and completed course requirements of 120 credits of which at least 90 credits in psychology including one of the following components: 1) PSYD12 Psychology: General Psychology, 30 credits, or (2) PSYH02 Psychology: General Psychology (online) part 1, 15 credits, and PSYH11 Psychology: Introductory course (net) part 2 15 credits, or equivalent education at Lund University or other location.

In addition, an approved work placement plan must be drawn up between a representative/s for the placement provider and the student. The work placement plan is to be submitted latest before the deadline.

Further information

Before the commencing the internship, the student must have the host organisation, supervisor and principal duties approved by the examiner. A three-way agreement between the student, the placement provider and the higher education institution is to be drawn up before the placement can commence. The student participates in the finding of a work experience placement and is independently responsible for financing expenses such as travel and accommodation during the work experience period.

The course cannot be included as optional credits in psychology in a Bachelor's degree with psychology as main field of study at Lund University. The course cannot be included in a degree with other placement courses.