

SGEL77, Human Geography: Risk, Crisis and planning, 7.5 credits

Samhällsgeografi: Risk och kris i planering, 7,5 högskolepoäng
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the board of the Department of Human Geography on 2021-06-08 to be valid from 2021-09-01, spring semester 2022.

General Information

The course is a compulsory course in the second year of the Bachelor's programme in Urban and Regional Planning, 180 credits.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Teaching in other Scandinavian languages and English may occur.

Main field of studies

Human Geography

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G1F, First cycle, has less than 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 key concepts such as risk, crisis, hazard, disaster, vulnerability and resilience from a planning perspective
- describe and account for different theoretical and practical aspects of concepts such as risk, crisis, hazard, disaster, vulnerability and resilience
- demonstrate an understanding of risk and crisis management systems at different geographic levels and within different sectors of society

Competence and skills

- link and differentiate between key concepts, theories and perspectives in the field of risk and crisis management
- analyse different risks and crises in planning
- apply different methods for the analysis of risks and vulnerabilities
- work on the prevention of risks and crises in planning
- apply the course content to planning processes
- critically review scientific, political and popular science texts that relate to the course content
- communicate the course content in writing and orally

Judgement and approach

- reflect on risks and crises related to planning
- evaluate and compare different societal risks
- justify and provide arguments for solutions to manage societal risks and crises
- propose solutions for the management of risks and crises that threaten society

Course content

The course provides students with a basic understanding of the risks and crises that can affect society and of the planning requirements that exist in order to be able to adapt to the conditions and changes brought about such risks and crises. The course covers the impact of historical and contemporary risks, crises and disasters on society, primarily from a social science perspective. In addition, the course provides students with a basic understanding of the Swedish crisis management system with different responsibilities at different geographic levels and in different social sectors. The course contains theoretical and practical components that provide the students with basic understanding and skills to work actively on the identification and analysis of risks and vulnerabilities from a planning perspective and within the scope of different planning processes. The course covers a variety of societal risks and crises. The course is linked to the work of Swedish public authorities, municipalities and different organisations to plan for a more sustainable society and to adapt to a changing climate.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures, exercises, seminars and field trips and professional encounters (through field trips or guest lectures).

Unless there are valid reasons to the contrary, compulsory participation is required in exercises, seminars and field trips. Students who have been unable to participate due to circumstances such as accidents or sudden illness will be offered the opportunity to compensate for or re-take compulsory components. This also applies to students who have been absent because of duties as an elected student representative

Assessment

Assessment of the course is based on a written individual take-home exam and a written group assignment.

The course includes opportunities for assessment at a first examination, a re-sit close to the first examination and a second re-sit for courses that have ended during that school year. Two further re-examinations on the same course content are offered within a year of the end of the course. After this, further re-examination opportunities are offered but in accordance with the current course syllabus.

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, E, D, C, B, A.

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.

The final grade for the course comprises the student's results for the individual take-home exam (60%) and the group project (40%). The weighting of grades into a final grade for the entire course is based on a mathematical model in which the letter grades are translated as follows: A=5.0 B=4.0 C=3.5 D=3.0 and E=2.5 and an average for the assessed components/modules is calculated. Figures are rounded down, except for the grade A where 4.5 and over is rounded up to an A.

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

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have successfully completed at least 45 credits from the first year of the Bachelor's programme in Urban and Regional Planning, 180 credits.

Subcourses in SGEL77, Human Geography: Risk, Crisis and planning

Applies from V22

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