



Faculty of Medicine

VMFP01, Global Health and Human Rights, 3 credits

Global hälsa och mänskliga rättigheter, 3 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Master's Programmes Board on 2023-11-07. The syllabus comes into effect 2023-11-07 and is valid from the autumn semester 2024.

General information

The course is offered as a freestanding course.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of study Specialisation

Public Health A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry
Science requirements

Learning outcomes

Human rights is a cornerstone for global health and 'the right to health' has become a key concept in international policy and practical work on global health. The rights-based work on global health is conducted in the intersection between international law and public health, but also includes elements such as ethics, philosophy, social medicine and sustainable development.

Knowledge and understanding

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

- give an account of current global public health challenges
- give an account of general processes in international law connected to health and human rights
- give an account of various actors' roles in rights-based work on global health
- give an account of models for rights-based work on global health

Competence and skills

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

- explain, using established terminology, how human rights and social justice can form the basis for work on global health
- apply a selected model for rights-based work to a concrete example of practice, research or education in global health
- discuss current global public health challenges from a human rights perspective

Judgement and approach

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

- act based on a professional approach, which includes coming prepared to the course activities, and adhering to set deadlines.

Course content

In this course, the students will explore the reciprocal relationship between global health and human rights, in which health is a precondition for the enjoyment of rights, and enjoyment of rights is a precondition for health. The course covers historical perspectives, current issues and practical examples from research and practice in the area.

Course design

This is an online course and includes video lectures, seminars and group discussions distributed over the course period.

Assessment

The course is examined through two assessed components connected to the learning outcomes of the course:

- Course portfolio, 2 credits, Fail/Pass
- Individual written assignment, 1 credit, Fail/Pass

The course portfolio consists of tests with multiple-choice questions, which mainly assess knowledge and understanding, as well as seminars. The seminars assess the student's ability to discuss current global public health challenges and to act based on a professional approach in the discussions. The individual written assignment mainly assesses competence and skills.

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

To be awarded the grade Pass for the course, the grade of Pass is required for all assessed components.

Entry requirements

Bachelor's degree. English B/English 6