



Faculty of Social Sciences

WPM42, Sociology: Master's (Two Years) Thesis in Welfare Policies and Management, 30 credits

Sociologi: Examensarbete för masterexamen i Welfare Policies and Management, 30 högskolepoäng
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus is an old version, approved by the board of the Department of Sociology on 2011-12-08 and was valid from 2011-12-08, spring semester 2012.

General Information

The course is offered as a compulsory course within the Master of Science Programme (120 credits) in Welfare Policies and Management. In the course the students write a thesis with an orientation towards Welfare Policies and Management.

Language of instruction: English

The medium of instruction is English and the thesis is written in English.

Main field of studies

Sociology

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Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

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

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Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the student shall have:

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrated knowledge and understanding in the main field of study, including both broad knowledge of the field and a considerable degree of specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as insight into current research and development work, and
- demonstrated specialised methodological knowledge in the main field of study.

Competence and skills

- demonstrated the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information,
- demonstrated the ability to identify and formulate issues critically, autonomously and creatively as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames and so contribute to the formation of knowledge as well as the ability to evaluate this work,
- demonstrated the ability in speech and writing both nationally and internationally to report clearly and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences,
- demonstrated the skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in some other qualified capacity, and
- demonstrated the ability to communicate scientific issues and follow the development of knowledge within the field of welfare policies and management.

Judgement and approach

- demonstrated the ability to make assessments in the main field of study informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work,
- demonstrated insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used, and
- demonstrated the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for his or her ongoing learning.

Course content

The Master's thesis is an independent piece of work that addresses issues in the field of welfare policies and management. The work process is guided by a supervisor. Whereas the supervisor provides constructive feedback on the basic structure of the inquiry, the course represents an independent research effort, and responsibility for the final product rests with the authors themselves.

Course design

The teaching consists of individual tutorials and seminars.

Assessment

To complete the course the student must submit a thesis, written in English, as well as defend the thesis in an examination seminar. The student must also participate as an opponent on a thesis written by a fellow student. All students are expected to actively participate in the seminars and the tutorial sessions.

An opportunity for re-examination is offered after the end of the course. The student has the right to participate in examinations during the following terms, but in accordance with the course regulations that apply at the time.

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 of Fail the student must have shown unacceptable results.

Entry requirements

To be eligible for the course the student must have passed at least 60 higher education credits of courses in the programme Welfare Policies and Management (120 credits). This includes STVP22 Welfare Regimes in Transition (15 credits), SIMM02 Research Methods in the Social Sciences (15 credits), and one required course in the discipline of specialization (15 credits).

Further information

The thesis should be submitted electronically in accordance with the programme instructions, and will be published in an open access database belonging to Lund Univesity.

Subcourses in WPMM42, Sociology: Master's (Two Years) Thesis in Welfare Policies and Management

Applies from V12

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