



COURSE SYLLABUS

Social work, social- and welfare policy in a Swedish and International Perspective, 7.5 credits

Socialt arbete, social och välfärdsolitik i ett svenskt och internationellt perspektiv, 7,5 högskolepoäng

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| Course Code: HSWK11 | Education Cycle: First-cycle level |
| Confirmed by: Director of Education May 20, 2013 | Disciplinary domain: Social sciences |
| Revised by: Director of Education Sep 4, 2018 | Subject group: SS2 |
| Valid From: Aug 27, 2018 | Specialised in: G1F |
| Version: 4 | Main field of study: Social Work |

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

Upon completion of the course the student should have the

Knowledge and understanding

- to describe and discuss different welfare regimes
- to identify characteristics of the Swedish welfare system in comparison to other welfare systems
- to describe the living situation of different social groups in Swedish society.

Skills and abilities

- to reflect upon the relationship between social policy, societal life and everyday living conditions
- to identify various social policy challenges and discuss its importance to contemporary developments welfare system with emphasis on the Swedish
- to identify and reflect upon the future of welfare states.

Judgement and approach

- to compare and reflect upon living conditions and social work practice in different welfare regimes.

Contents

- social policy and the rise of the Swedish welfare state
- the Swedish welfare system and its problems, crisis, restructuring and future
- different models of social welfare policy from an international perspective
- current social policy issues
- poverty from an international perspective
- challenges from a national and international perspective

Type of instruction

Lectures, group discussions, seminars.

Prerequisites

The requirements for the course are passing grades in Social Science of 15 credits or equivalent..

Examination and grades

The course is graded A, B, C, D, E, FX or F.

One individual written exam and one individual written paper.

A lecturer serves as the course examiner.

Registration of examination:

| Name of the Test | Value | Grading |
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| Examination | 7.5 credits | A/B/C/D/E/FX/F |

Other information**Attendance requirements**

Attendance to seminars is compulsory.

Course literature

Alcock, P., & Craig, G. (Ed.). (2009). *International Social Policy: Welfare Regimes in the Developed World*.

New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Bengtsson, T., & Scott, K. (2011). Population Aging and the Future of the Welfare State: The Example of Sweden. *Population and Development Review*. 37, 158 - 170.

A work of fiction with socio-political connections and additional scientific articles will be used.

The most recent editions of the course literature should be used.

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University Library, Jönköping. *Search help, Citing sources*. [Downloaded 2014-04-08].

<http://hj.se/bibl/en/search-help/citing-sources.html>