



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND WORK SCIENCE

SC2401 Work Placement in Public and/or Applied Sociology, 15 higher education credits

Kvalificerad arbetspraktik med sociologisk inriktning , 15 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Sociology and Work Science on 2013-09-11 to be valid from 2014-01-19, spring semester of 2014.

Field of education: Social Sciences 100%

Department: Department of Sociology and Work Science

Position in the educational system

The course is a proficiency course. The course is given at second cycle level.

The course can be part of the following programme: 1) Programme for Master in Sociology (S2SOC)

Main field of studies

Sociology

Specialization

A1F, Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Entry requirements

For admission, 15 credits in sociology are required at second cycle level.

Learning outcomes

After completion of the work placement course, the student is expected to be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

1. Integrate theoretical sociological knowledge within practical assignments in relevant area of activity

Skills and abilities

2. Independently and critically analyse and discuss specific work tasks concerning complex sociological questions
3. Communicate various kinds of question concerning sociologically related work in speech and writing

Judgement and approach

4. Reflect on different ethical perspectives concerning how sociological knowledge can be translated into work and society
5. Reflect on how practical experience can give rise to new current research issues

Course content

The course comprises placements within the public sector, at a private company or for a voluntary organisation. The student shall personally apply for an appropriate work placement that provides for the possibility of qualified experience through work involving sociologically relevant work tasks. The placement shall include and provide an insight into the daily work of a workplace and include personal responsibility for a special task or special project, such as an evaluation or investigative assignment, an analysis of risk or the surrounding world, or the formulation of policy documents or the like. The practical experience of sociologically relevant work will also be the subject of discussion at university seminars. The work is presented in writing in report form and verbally through a seminar review. The work shall include both documentation of the work performed and a sociological analysis of the ethical and social implications of the work performed. The placement shall be held at a workplace in Sweden or abroad. The placement course includes 15 higher education credits comprising a placement of approximately eight weeks and university-based training of approximately two weeks.

Form of teaching

Language of instruction: Swedish and English

The placement is carried out on the language that is relevant for the workplace. All seminars and examinations are held in English or Swedish.

Assessment

The first two intended learning outcome will be examined through seminars at the university. Students with a fail grade have an opportunity to repeat the course.

If the student becomes failed is the possibility to redo the course.

A student has the right to request a change of examiner if failed twice on the same exam, if this is practically possible. The application shall be sent to the board of the department and has to be in writing. The department should grant the such request without unreasonable delay. In case a course has been discontinued or undergone major changes the student should be guaranteed access to at least three examination sessions (including regular examination session) during a period of a year based on the earlier planning of the course.

Grades

The grading scale comprises: Fail (U), Pass (G).

For a pass result, the student must submit an individually written piece of work relating to a special task or special project at the workplace. The work shall be presented and discussed at a seminar at the university and at the workplace. For a pass result, the student must be in attendance at the workplace and participate in the work. This attendance shall be confirmed by a representative of the workplace.

For a pass result, the student shall also attend the compulsory seminars held during the course.

Course evaluation

The course director is responsible for students being afforded an opportunity to conduct a written course evaluation during the course or at the end of the course. A discussion should also be held between teachers, examiners and student representatives to the extent that this is practically feasible. The Director of Studies shall be provided with a summarised form of minutes or notes from this discussion. The way in which the results of the evaluation are to be used shall be documented when planning ensuing course dates. A summary of the results of previous evaluations shall also be made available via the website or in some other way.

