



School of Health,
Care and Social
Welfare

Course syllabus – Third-cycle Course

Theories, Models and Concepts, 7,5 credits

Teorier, modeller och begrepp, 7,5 hp

Course code	FHVV004
Established date	2012-08-31
Established by	School of Health, Care and Social Welfare
Valid from	Fall semester 2017
Main fields of study	Care Sciences, Public Health Science, Physiotherapy, Social Work and Work Life Studies
Area of education	Health and Welfare
Level of the course	Third cycle
Form of Education	Higher education, study regulation of 2007
Language	English
Grading System	Two-grade scale
Change date	2017-07-07, 2020-05-29

Specific entry requirements

A Bachelor's degree in Public Health Science, Physiotherapy, Medical Science, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, Caring Sciences with Specialization in Nursing, or the equivalent. In addition, Swedish B/Swedish 3 and English B/English 6 are required. For courses given entirely in English exemption is made from the requirement for Swedish B/Swedish 3.

Objectives

The objective of the course is that PhD-students acquire additional in-depth knowledge about theories, models and concepts – and about how these can be used within the doctoral education subject and applied in health and welfare research area.

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students are expected to be able to:

1. Critically compare and distinguish theories, models and concepts of relevant to the individual's doctoral thesis
2. Evaluate the epistemological foundation of the chosen theory, model and/or concept
3. Argue for the relevance of the chosen theory in the individual's own research project
4. Review and evaluate the chosen theory in another research project
5. Argue for a phenomenon in health and welfare in need of concept and/or theory development

Course content

The course comprises the following components:

- Distinguishing features of theories, models and concepts
- Concept, theory and model development
- Evaluation of concepts', theories' and models' epistemological foundations

Teaching methods

Web based distance course. Lectures and seminars, tutorials through a web-based teaching platform

Examination

The course examination consist of one assignment and one examination seminar

ASSIGN 1 Individual written, assignment. Critical assessment, argumentation, and application of a chosen theory (ies), model(s), or concept(s) in one's own research project /corresponding to learning outcomes 1-3). The assignment comprises 4,5 credits

SEM 1 Examination seminar. Individual oral presentation and argumentation of one's written assignment. 1. Review an assignment from another doctoral student and perform an oral discussion (corresponding to learning outcomes 1-4) The seminar comprises 2 credits.

SEM 2 Oral group examination. Identifying and argue for a phenomenon on in health and welfare of relevance for concept/theory development and present a research plan. The examination (correspond to learning

outcome 5) The seminar comprises 1 credit

Possible re-examinations: 5

Marks/grades

Pass (G) or Fail (U).

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Reading List

For information, please contact the responsible department