



UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SW2579, Degree Report, 30,0 higher education credits

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Second Cycle

1. Confirmation

The course syllabus was confirmed by Faculty of Social Sciences on 2009-10-13 to be valid from 2010-01-19.

Field of education: Social Sciences 100 %

Department: Department of Social Work

2. Position in the educational system

The course, Degree Report, 30 higher education credits, is a programme course given within the Master's Programme in Social Work and Human Rights within the Faculty of Social Sciences. The course is an degree project course.

Main field of studies

Social Work

Human Rights

Specialization

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3. Entry requirements

To be eligible for the course, Degree Report, 30 higher education credits, a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, or a Bachelor's Degree in related topics, proficiency in English, and to have completed the course Research Theories and Methods, 15 higher education credits, with a minimum of Passed mark is required.

4. Course content

The course deals with the following topics:

To choose a topic and formulate a research question.

To collect data.

To document the data.

To analyze the data.

To write a research report.

To participate in at least five final seminars.

5. Learning outcomes

After completion of the course the student is expected to

Knowledge and Understanding

- have achieved a deeper knowledge and understanding about scientific work in a specific area of social work
- have achieved deeper knowledge and understanding about different theories and methods within the area of global social work and/or human rights issues

Skills and Abilities

- be able to critically discuss research questions in the framework of international social work.
- be able to plan and carry out independent research work in a global context and analyze, assess and handle complex phenomena, questions and situations within a certain field of research
- be able to assess and discuss different research methods as well as collect and analyze relevant data material in relation to the chosen research questions
- be able to document and discuss the research process and consider ethical dilemmas analyze empirical data, and present the results in a written research report
- be able to discuss and reflect on the significance of the findings from social work and/or human rights perspectives
- be able to in national as well as international contexts and in dialogue with scholars and professionals discuss methodological and theoretical issues related to scientific work in a systematic and pedagogic way
- be able to independently present and defend a well structured and stringent research report as well as act as an opponent in a supporting and critical way

Judgement and Approach

- develop further their own values and attitudes in relation to scientific work in the area of social work and/or human rights

6. Literature

Literature will be permanent eight weeks before course start.

7. Assessment

The examination consists of defending the degree report at a final seminar, opposing a fellow students degree report at a final seminar and participating in at least five final seminars.

A student who has failed a test twice has the right to change examiners, if it is possible. A written application should be sent to the Department.

8. Grading scale

The grading scale comprises Fail (U), Pass (G), Pass with Distinction (VG).

9. Course evaluation

The course director guarantees that the evaluation is considered regularly and systematically at the end of the course.

10. Additional information

Language of instruction: English.