

COURSE SYLLABUS

Welfare and Social Sciences: Conceptualizing Societal Challenges in Global and Local Perspectives, 7.5 credits

Välfärd och Socialvetenskap: att begripliggöra sociala utmaningar i globala och lokala perspektiv, 7.5 högskolepoäng

Course Code: FH3VOSA	Education Cycle: Third-cycle level
Confirmed: Sep 03, 2025	
Valid From: Jan 19, 2026	

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

After completion of course the student is expected to have below skills and knowledge:

Knowledge and understanding

- explain social theories applied to the study of societal challenges in global and local perspectives in relation to social science and social work
- explain key concepts in the study of welfare processes and practices

Skills and abilities

- critically reflect on and apply relevant social science concepts and theories to research within the field of welfare and social work

Judgement and approach

- critically evaluate consequences of various theoretical stands, within social sciences, used to study societal challenges

Content

- welfare practices and systems
- welfare organisations, professional identities, discretion
- social structures and inequalities
- interdisciplinary research

Type of instruction

The course is implemented through lectures and seminars.

Language of instruction is in English.

Entry requirements

The applicant must be admitted to a third-cycle programme.

Examination and grades

The course is graded Pass (G) or Fail (U).

Examination of the course is based upon one individually written assignment where the student also reviews another student's assignment, and seminars.

Registration of examination:

Name of the Test	Value	Grading
Written assignment	5 credits	G/U
Seminars	2.5 credits	G/U

Other information

Selection for admission:

1. Students registered in a third-cycle programme at Jönköping University.
2. Students registered in a third-cycle programme at another university.

Course literature

Please note that changes may be made to the reading list up until eight weeks before the start of the course.

Scientific articles and book chapters.