

COURSE SYLLABUS
Service Users Participation in Social Work, 3.5 credits
Brukardelaktighet i Socialt Arbete, 3.5 högskolepoäng

Course Code:	H1BISA	Education Cycle:	First-cycle level
Confirmed:	Aug 27, 2025	Disciplinary domain:	Social sciences
Valid From:	Jan 19, 2026	Subject group:	Social Work and Social Welfare
		Specialised in:	G1F First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements
		Main field of study:	Social Work

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

On completion of the course the student will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- explain various perspectives on participation and values when working alongside service users, organisations and communities
- explain anti-discriminatory practice, and professional ethics in social work involving service users.

Skills and abilities

- analyse the requirements to develop and carry out social work involving service users
- analyse the role of social work in facilitating and supporting the development of service users' initiatives.

Judgement and approach

- reflect on the relationship between social work practice and service users from an intercultural perspective
- reflect on professional identity, empathy, diplomacy, diversity and human rights in social work involving service users.

Content

- service user participation in social work practice
- learning from and collaborating with service users
- intercultural comparisons and perspectives
- social work with service users' organisations and communities
- anti-discriminatory work, advocacy and empowerment
- professional ethics

Type of instruction

The course is implemented through lectures, field studies and seminars both digitally and on campus.

Language of instruction is in English.

Entry requirements

General entry requirements and completed courses in Social Work of 15 credits or equivalent. For students enrolled at partner universities the eligibility requirements of respective departments applies.

Examination and grades

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

Examination of the course will be based upon seminars, combined examination including digital meetings, field study and group presentation and an individual written assignment.

Registration of examination:

Name of the Test	Value	Grading
Seminars	1 credit	G/U
Combined examination	2 credits	G/U
Written assignment	0.5 credits	G/U

Course literature

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