

COURSE SYLLABUS

Social Work, Social- and Welfare Policy in a Swedish and International Perspective, 7.5 credits

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Course Code:	HSWK19	Education Cycle:	First-cycle level
Confirmed:	Apr 29, 2025	Disciplinary domain:	Health care
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

- describe different welfare systems
- describe the living situation of different social groups in Swedish society.

Skills and abilities

- identify characteristics of the Swedish welfare system in comparison to other welfare systems
- identify various social policy challenges in relation to the Swedish welfare system.

Judgement and approach

- compare and reflect upon living conditions and social work practices in different welfare systems.

Content

- the Swedish welfare state
- different welfare systems
- current social policy challenges

Type of instruction

The course is implemented through lectures, group discussions and seminars.

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 A, B, C, D, E, FX or F.

Examination will be based upon an individual written examination, an individual written assignment, a seminar, and an individual oral examination.

Registration of examination:

Name of the Test	Value	Grading
Written examination	4.5 credits	A/B/C/D/E/FX/F
Written assignment	1.5 credits	G/U
Seminar	0.5 credits	G/U
Oral examination	1 credit	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.

Esping-Andersen, G. (1990). *The three worlds of welfare capitalism*. Polity Press.

Greve, B. (Red.). (2019). *Routledge handbook of the welfare state*. (2nd ed.). Routledge.
www.taylorfrancis.com/books/e/9781315207049

Szebhely, M., & Trydegård, G-B. (2012). Home care for older people in Sweden: A universal model in transition. *Health and Social Care in the Community* 20 (3), 300–309.doi.org/10.1111/j.1365-2524.2011.01046.x

Scientific articles and a work of fiction will be added.

The most recent editions of the course literature should be used.