Course syllabus for

**Introduction to Mental Health Promotion and Suicide prevention, 7.5 credits**

*Introduktionskurs: Suicidprevention och främjande av mental hälsa - ett globalt perspektiv, 7.5 hp*

This course has been cancelled, for further information see Transitional provisions in the last version of the syllabus.

Please note that the course syllabus is available in the following versions:

Autumn2007, Spring2011

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**Course code** 4FH001  
**Course name** Introduction to Mental Health Promotion and Suicide prevention  
**Credits** 7.5 credits  
**Form of Education** Higher Education, study regulation 2007  
**Main field of study** Public Health Sciences  
**Level** AV - Second cycle  
**Grading scale** Fail (U), pass (G) or pass with distinction (VG)  
**Department** Department of Global Public Health  
**Decided by** Arbetsgruppen för masterprogrammet i folkhälsovetenskap  
**Decision date** 2007-05-10  
**Course syllabus valid from** Autumn 2007

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**Specific entry requirements**

Bachelor's degree or vocational training corresponding to 180 ECTS credits (120 credits in previous Swedish system) in public health sciences, health care, or another relevant medical or social science subject area

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**Objectives**

The aim of the course is to provide an advanced understanding of the concepts mental health and suicide in the context of population-based research. A second aim is to provide a familiarity with methodological challenges in population based research in mental-health promotion and suicide prevention. Upon completion the student should: - have an advanced understanding of social and cultural determinants of mental ill health and suicide - understand methodological challenges in population-based mental-health and suicide research - be able to formulate scientific questions within the subject area of the course - know how to search and critically evaluate scientific publications and documentation of facts on mental ill health and suicide - demonstrate an ability to reflect on ethical
aspects of population-based prevention of and research on mental ill health and suicide - present a topic or a preliminary research question for a master thesis

Content

- Social, cultural, and individual perspectives on mental health and ill-health and on interventions that aim to prevent ill-health and suicide. - International monitoring of mental ill-health and suicide - The yield and pitfalls in epidemiological and statistical studies of mental ill-health and suicide - Introduction to an understanding of the multicausal determination of suicidal processes - Seminars focusing on choice of research questions and scientific level of ambition in the master thesis

Teaching methods

The course is problem-oriented and organized so as to make use of the students' cultural and academic backgrounds and professional experiences. Lectures are followed by small-group seminars and time for individual course work.

Examination

Oral examination will take place in connection with the completion of subtopics within the course. Full attendance is required in all lectures and seminars. Failure to pass the examination and absence exceeding 10% may be compensated by written assignments, upon agreement with the course leaders.

Literature and other teaching aids

Suicide: an unnecessary death

Wasserman, Danuta

London : Martin Dunitz, 2001 - xxv, 286 s.
Library search