



DEPARTMENT OF GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH

K9F5321 Health Policy and Management, 3 credits (hec)

Hälsopolicy och management, 3 högskolepoäng

Third-cycle level / Forskarnivå

Approval

This syllabus is approved by the The Committee for Doctoral Education on 2023-12-08, and is valid from Spring semester 2024.

Responsible department

Department of Global Public Health, Faculty of Medicine

Prerequisite courses, or equivalent

No prerequisite courses, or equivalent, demanded for this course.

Purpose & Intended learning outcomes

Purpose

The course aims to review scientific approaches to the formulation of health policies implementation and the management of health services.

Intended learning outcomes

After the course the students will be able to:

- Identify health policy processes and actors in different contexts;
- Describe actors and functions of health systems;
- Describe the scientific philosophies and assumptions that underpin Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR);
- Describe ""system thinking"" applied to public health and health systems;
- Describe and appraise management concepts and theories
- Critically appraise concept and theories within Health Policy and Management.

Course content

The content focuses on the following themes:

- Health Policies and Systems in Context
- Systems thinking in Health Policy and Management
- Introduction to HPSR including health policy analysis
- Management concepts
- Actors in health systems
- Evidence Informed Policy

Forms of teaching and learning

Interactive educational methods including lectures and question-answer, small group and large group discussion including case scenarios, peer education and individual activities (project assignments), seminars.

Combining students with different cultural and professional background and at different stages in their research careers presents both challenges and opportunities that the course organisers are well aware of and utilise during the course.

Language of instruction

The course is given in English.

Grading scale

Pass (G) /Fail (U)

Compulsory components & forms of assessment

Compulsory components

Active participation in seminars and group work. The course director assesses if, and in that case how, absence can be compensated.

Forms of assessment

The examination consists of verbal and written presentations of individual assignments with participants paired into presenters and commentators. Participants will develop and submit their written assignments at the beginning of the second week. These will be assessed by faculty. Fulfillment of group work and successful presentation of individual assignments and comments are prerequisites. The oral examination consists of presentation of own assignment as well as discussing a fellow course participants proposal. Grading consist of written assignment (50%), presentation (30%) and peer-review (20%). All the intended learning outcomes of the course must have been achieved to pass the course.

Course literature

Reference literature:

Health Policy and Systems Research, A Methodology Reader. Edited by Lucy Gilson (available online).

Making Health Policy. Kent Buse, Nicholas Mays & Gill Walt (available as ebook through KI library with KI-login).

In addition, selected articles and handouts will be provided in advance and during the course.