



## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

### **SO30008 Qualitative research methods for applied welfare studies, 7.5 credits**

Kvalitativa forskningsmetoder för tillämpade välfärdsstudier, 7,5 högskolepoäng

*Third-cycle level / Forskarnivå*

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#### **Confirmation**

This syllabus was confirmed by the Department of Social Work on 2019-10-22, and is valid from Autumn semester 2019.

#### ***Responsible Department***

Department of Social Work, Faculty of Social Sciences

#### **Entry requirements**

This is a compulsory course within the framework of the Research School for Social Services Professionals (Forskarskolan för yrkesverksamma i socialtjänsten – FYS). Applicants must have been admitted to the Research School for Social Services Professionals or equivalent.

#### **Learning outcomes**

After completing the course, participants should be able to:

##### ***Knowledge and understanding***

- Identify core concepts in the field of qualitative research methods
- Give an account of different qualitative research methods
- Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of philosophy of science perspectives regarding qualitative methods and applications for qualitative research methods

##### ***Competence and skills***

- Independently apply different qualitative research methods
- Independently analyse different qualitative empirical material

##### ***Judgement and approach***

- Critically review and analyse different qualitative research methods and applications
- Apply an ethically considered approach to empirical material

## Course content

The course aims to provide knowledge on the philosophy of science as related to qualitative methods and on qualitative theoretical perspectives and methods of data gathering and analysis.

## Types of instruction

Teaching will take the form of lectures, seminars and workshops on campus and in residential sessions. Part of the teaching will also be based online.

### *Language of instruction*

The course is given in Swedish.

## Grades

The grade Pass (G) or Fail (U) is given in this course.

To achieve a Pass grade, the doctoral student must complete all the examination assignments and meet the stated objectives of the course. If an assignment is graded as a Fail, the assignment may be supplemented as instructed by the examiner.

## Types of assessment

The course is examined by means of an individual written paper. Each course participant will submit written comments on all the papers submitted and conduct an in-depth reading and critical review of one of the papers submitted. To pass the course, participants must read the assigned course literature, actively participate in seminars and workshops, and submit comments on the papers of fellow doctoral students. Occasional absence may be made up in agreement with the examiner.

## Course evaluation

Participants will have an opportunity to give a verbal evaluation of the course as it progresses, along with a written evaluation at the end of the course.