

# Children's Health and Development in a Global World

Single subject and programme course

7.5 credits

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World

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## Main field of study

Child Studies

## Course level

Second cycle

## Advancement level

A1X

## Course offered for

- Master's Programme in Child Studies

## Entry requirements

A bachelor's degree in the humanities, social sciences or the behavioural sciences with a major (or its equivalent) in a field relevant to the programme, e.g. anthropology, communication studies, education, history, language studies, media studies, political science, psychology, social work and sociology.

Successfully completed at least 75 credits on the master's program in Child studies (F7MCH), 15 of which must be the master's thesis in term two.

Documented knowledge of English equivalent to "Engelska B"/"Engelska 6".

## Intended learning outcomes

After completion of the course, the student should on an advanced level be able to:

- account for different definitions of the concept "health";
- account for the basic perspectives in developmental psychology;
- critically discuss the meaning of the key concepts in child health discourses, such as "development", "normality", and "deviancy";
- identify and analyze the dilemmas of comparing children's health and development in a global perspective;
- analyze and discuss the application of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in the development of child health politics and policies.

## Course content

The content of the course is divided into three overarching themes:

Children's health and development in a historical and sociological perspective

- Theoretical perspectives in child health discourses
- The developing child
- Normality and deviance

Children's health in a global perspective

- Child health policies and interventions
- Moral and ethical dilemmas in the transmission of health norms between different cultural contexts

Child health and the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

- The significance of the UNCRC in the development of national and international health politics.

## Teaching and working methods

Lectures and related discussions take place on campus as well as online on an interactive learning platform. In addition to lectures there are seminars and group work online as well as on campus. Between the lectures and the seminars the students independently study the course literature, complete the assignments, and communicate with other students online. Examining seminars, workshops and group exercises are compulsory.

The student must have access to e-mail and Internet. The course is presented in various multi-media formats. In order to guarantee a positive learning situation online, and, in order for the student to be able to actively participate in the course and communicate with fellow students and the teacher, it is therefore important that the student have access to the correct hard- and software. Information concerning the specifications of the equipment necessary for the course can be found in the study guide.

English is the language of instruction.

## Examination

The examinations consist of active participation in seminars, workshops and group assignments on campus and online, as well as through individual written assignments submitted online. Detailed information on the examinations can be found in the study guide.

Students failing an exam covering either the entire course or part of the course twice are entitled to have a new examiner appointed for the reexamination.

Students who have passed an examination may not retake it in order to improve their grades.

## Grades

ECTS, EC

## Other information

Planning and implementation of a course must take its starting point in the wording of the syllabus. The course evaluation included in each course must therefore take up the question how well the course agrees with the syllabus.

The course is carried out in such a way that both men's and women's experience and knowledge is made visible and developed.

## Department

Institutionen för Tema