

# Migration, Health and Biopolitics

Single subject and programme course

7.5 credits

Migration, hälsa och biopolitik

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## Main field of study

Ethnic and Migration Studies

## Course level

Second cycle

## Advancement level

A1X

## Course offered for

- Master's Programme in Ethnic and Migration Studies

## Entry requirements

A bachelor's degree in the humanities, fine arts, social sciences, behavioural sciences, health sciences or natural sciences or equivalent qualifications are required.

Documented knowledge of English equivalent to Engelska 6.

## Intended learning outcomes

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

- critically account for relations between migration, health and biopolitics;
- analyse health policy and health practices, in addition to narratives concerning health and wellbeing, in relation to theories of nation, ethnicity and race.
- critically account for the views of human nature and society that have informed population control, racial biology, colonial psychiatry and postmodern genetics.

## Course content

In this course, questions of health are addressed with reference to intersectional theories of migration, ethnicity and racism. A basic assumption of the course is that bodies, emotions and personal relationships are shaped by experiences of migration, ethnic identity and racialising social structures, and students examine the ways in which such influences find expression on the individual, group, and social level.

Included in the course are critical perspectives on global and national health policy, with particular focus on connections between health issues and biopolitics. Examined in the course are examples of population control, the history of racial biology, postmodern genetics, colonial psychiatry in addition to migration and trauma. The course also includes institutional perspectives, with particular focus on the connections between health care systems and migration regimes, as well as connections between sociocultural and (bio)medical perspectives.

## Teaching and working methods

The course offers a combination of lectures, seminars, group assignments and individual assignments. Language of instruction is English.

## Examination

The course is examined through active seminar participation and written assignments. Detailed information about the examination can be found in the course's 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 samhälls- och välfärdsstudier