

Department of Sociology

Syllabus

for course at second level

Befolkningsutveckling och social förändring
Population Development and Social Change

7.5 Higher Education Credits
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	SO7101
Valid from:	Spring 2024
Date of approval:	2023-01-25
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Department:	Department of Sociology
Subject group:	Sociology
Specialisation:	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements
Main field:	Demography

Decision

Finalized by: Institutionsstyrelsen vid Sociologiska institutionen, 2023-01-25

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's degree. Swedish upper secondary school course English 6 or equivalent.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
1ME1	Population Development and Social Change	7.5

Course content

The course offers an introduction to demography, i.e., to the field of population studies. It introduces students to the discipline and its theory, methods, and sources of data. Important societal issues related to population development, population structure (including population ageing), and population policy are studied both from a historical and a contemporary perspective. The course covers international issues in demography (relevant to rich and poor countries) as well as issues that are specific to Sweden.

Learning outcomes

After accomplishing this course, participants are expected to:

- Describe and explain basic demographic terms.
- Provide an overview of main issues of population developments in Sweden.
- Describe and explain the most common demographic methods and identify data sources that demographers commonly use. The student should also be able to discuss the advantages and shortcomings of different data sources.

- Compare different demographic perspectives as they appear in the literature and describe how they have been applied in demographic studies.
- Provide an overview of global population developments in historical and contemporary perspectives and discuss main forces behind these developments.
- Identify and discuss problems arising from population ageing.
- Provide an overview of Swedish population policies and analyze different approaches to population issues that exist internationally.

Education

Teaching is in the form of lectures and seminars where students are expected to take active part.

Forms of examination

The course is given in the form of lectures and seminars, with room for interaction and student presentations. Examination consists of individual homework, a peer-review assignment, group work (formative assessment) and a final classroom exam (summative assessment).

The individual homework, the peer review assignment and the group work are all graded as 'pass' or 'fail'. All must have a passing grade to receive a final grade for the course. The course ends with a written classroom examination to demonstrate that the student has met the learning outcomes of the course. The results of the classroom examination are assessed with one of the grades A=Excellent, B=Very good, C=Good, D=Satisfactory, E=Sufficient, Fx=Insufficient, or F=Fail

The student's final grade is also based on the student's performance in the individual- and group work assignments, so that the final course grade can be upgraded by exceptional deliveries during the course.

E is needed to pass the course. Fx indicates that the student is offered the opportunity to upgrade his or her exam. Students with a grade of F or Fx are entitled to take a new exam as long as the course is offered to achieve at least a grade of E. A student with a grade of E is not entitled to take additional exams to raise the grade.

Plagiarism, cheating and unauthorized collaboration

As a student, you are responsible for knowing the regulations in relation to examinations and similar situations. Extensive information is available at the website of the Department of Sociology as well as the Stockholm University website (www.su.se/rules). Teachers are obliged to report suspected cheating or plagiarism. Example of plagiarism is to copy a text or sentences, word by word or close to, without referring to the source. This applies also to text of your own previous writing (self-plagiarism). Cheating includes bringing unauthorized aids to a sit-in exam, such as mobile phones. Having study

groups together is stimulating and time-saving, but when it comes examination tasks, you must be careful to work independently (unless clearly stated otherwise) to avoid the risk of it being considered unauthorized collaboration.

Interim

Students can request to be examined in accordance with this syllabus up to three semesters after it has ceased to be valid. The request should be sent to the Director of Studies. Other compulsory course parts are also equated with examination.

Limitations

No admission to the course is possible for anyone who has passed the course SO7100 Population Development and Social Change 7.5 credits, or the course unit Population Development and Social Change 7.5 credit within the course SO8040 Demography, Interdisciplinary Magister Course.